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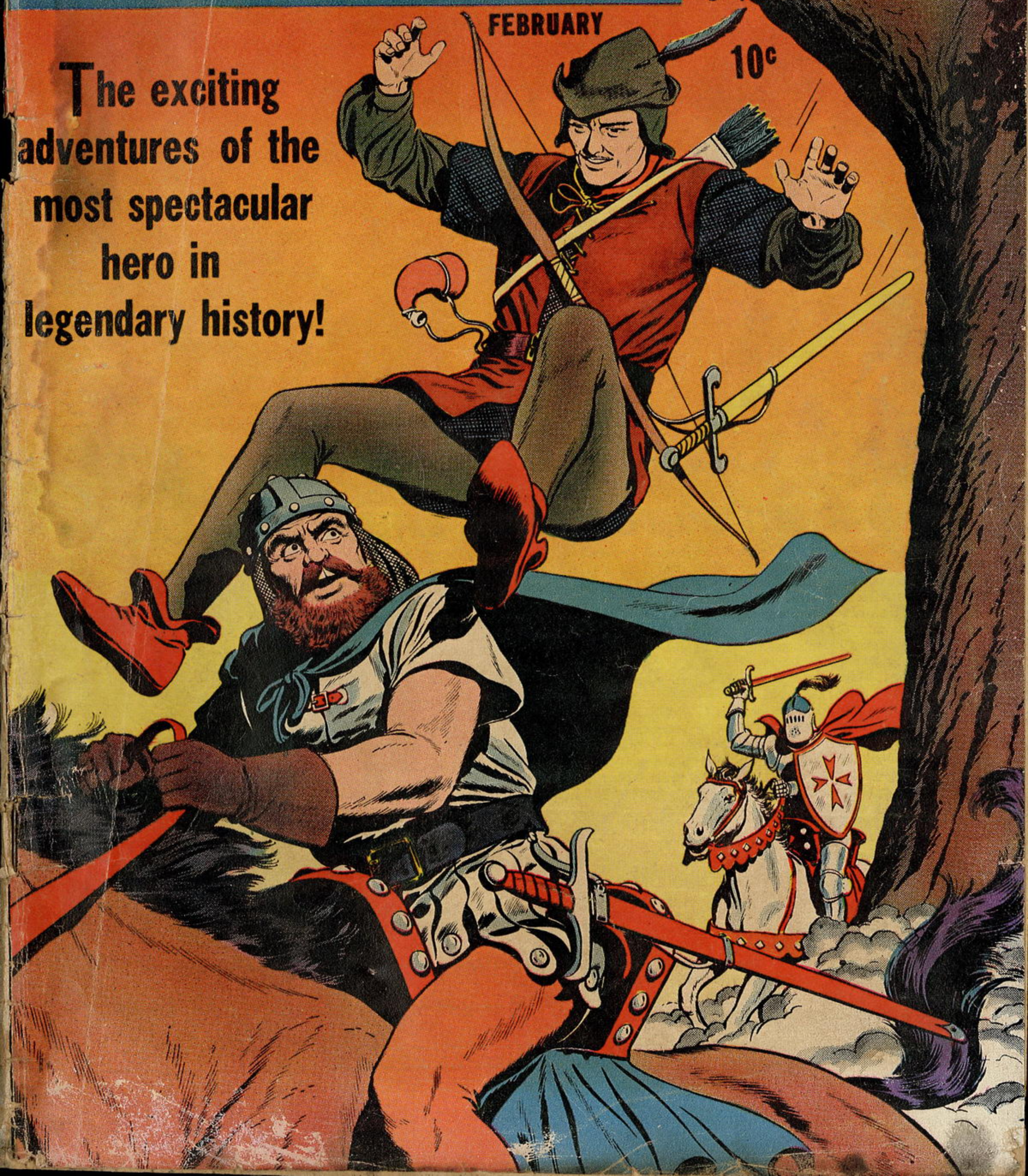
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Robin Hood

YOUR PARDON, SHERIFF, BUT I'M TAKING THIS HAUNCH OF VENISON TO SOME POOR FAMILIES WHO'VE TASTED NO MEAT IN MANY A DAY!

DEEP IN SHERWOOD FOREST DWELT ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY MEN...OUTLAWS IN NAME BUT ONLY BECAUSE THEY FOUGHT AGAINST THE TYRANNY AND OPPRESSION OF CRUEL PRINCE JOHN'S AGENT, THE SHERIFF OF NOTTINGHAM! TIME AND AGAIN HE HAD TRIED TO CAPTURE ROBIN HOOD, ONLY TO FIND HIMSELF OUTWITTED AND MADE TO LOOK RIDICULOUS! THEN OUT OF HIS RAGE GREW A TREACHEROUS SCHEME FOR...
THE TRAPPING OF ROBIN HOOD

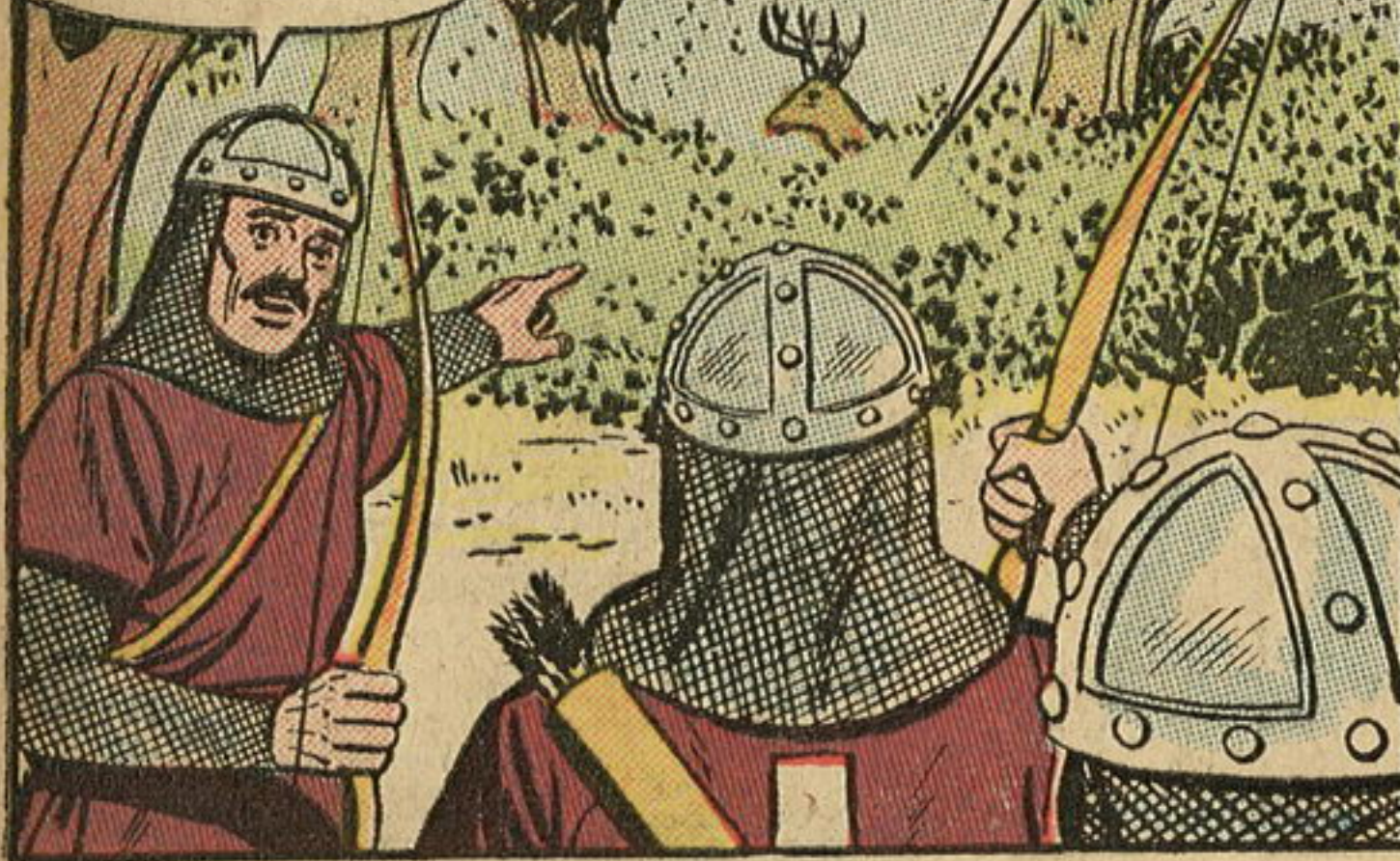
IT'S THE OUTLAW ROBIN HOOD! A HUNDRED GOLD PIECES TO THE MAN WHO BRINGS HIM DOWN!

KING RICHARD THE LION-HEARTED HAD GONE OFF TO THE CRUSADES! IN HIS ABSENCE, ENGLAND WAS RULED BY HIS HALF-BROTHER, PRINCE JOHN, A TYRANT AS CRUEL AND OPPRESSIVE AS RICHARD HAD BEEN JUST AND GENTLE! DURING THAT BITTER PERIOD IN ENGLISH HISTORY, MANY AN HONORABLE MAN WAS PROCLAIMED AN OUTLAW WITH A PRICE ON HIS HEAD, FOR NO CRIME EXCEPT DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS! SUCH AN OUTLAW WAS A YOUNG MAN NAMED ROBERT FITZGUTH, WHO BECAME KNOWN TO THE WORLD AS ROBIN HOOD, PRINCE OF OUTLAWS, CHAMPION OF THE OPPRESSED, ENEMY OF TYRANTS! IT WAS MEN LIKE ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY OUTLAWS OF SHERWOOD FOREST WHO EVENTUALLY GAVE ENGLAND HER LOVE OF JUSTICE THAT PRODUCED THE MAGNA CHARTA, THE DOCUMENT THAT FIRST MADE ALL MEN FREE!

THE KING'S FORESTERS ARE SUPPOSED TO WATCH OVER THE DEER IN SHERWOOD FOREST... BUT WHO WILL WATCH OVER THE FORESTERS?

THERE'S A RARE FINE STAG!
THE SHERIFF WILL PAY A
GOODLY FEE FOR SUCH
HAUNCHES!

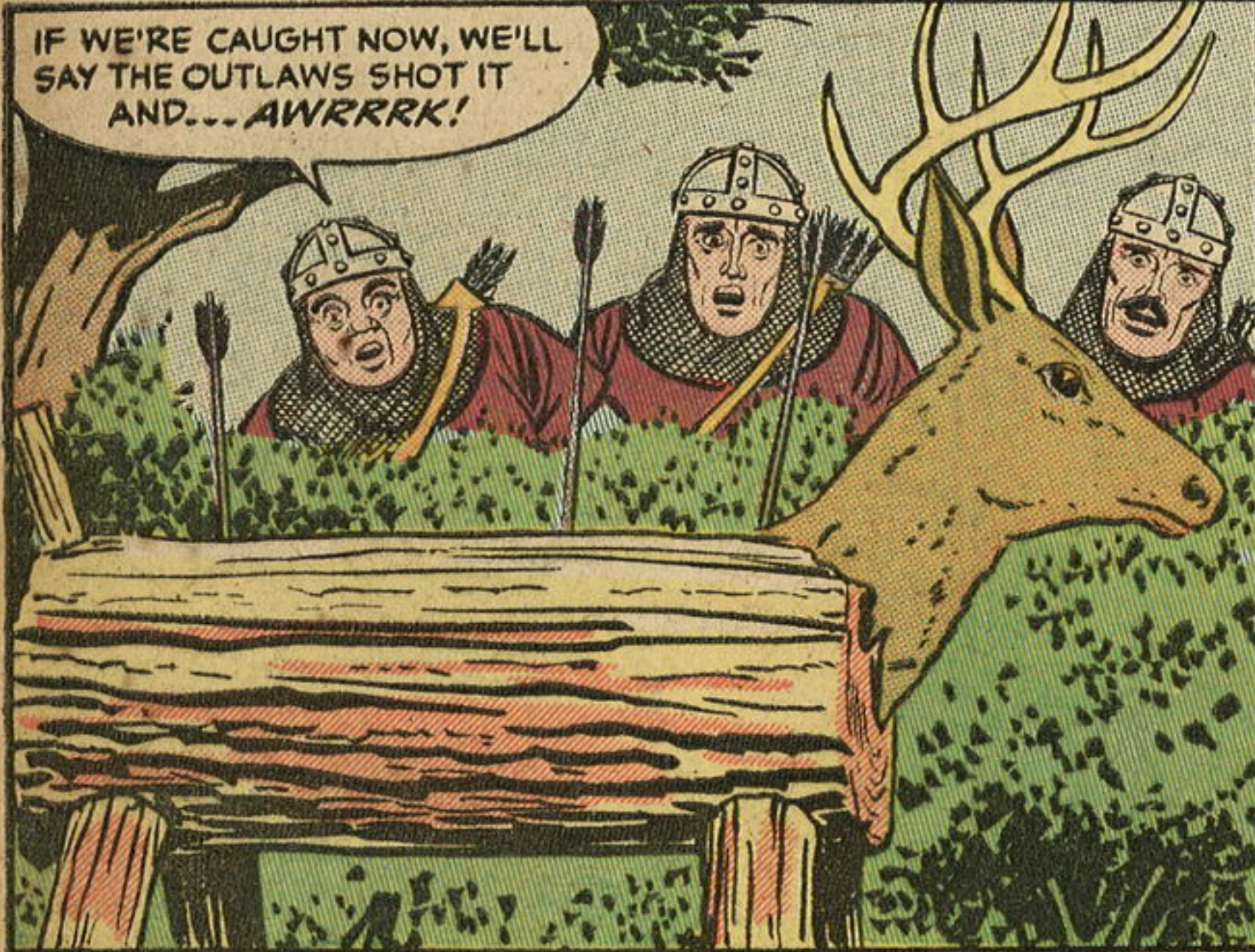
THERE ARE NONE TO
SEE US BRING HIM
DOWN!



WELL DONE! LET'S
DRESS HIM SWIFTLY!

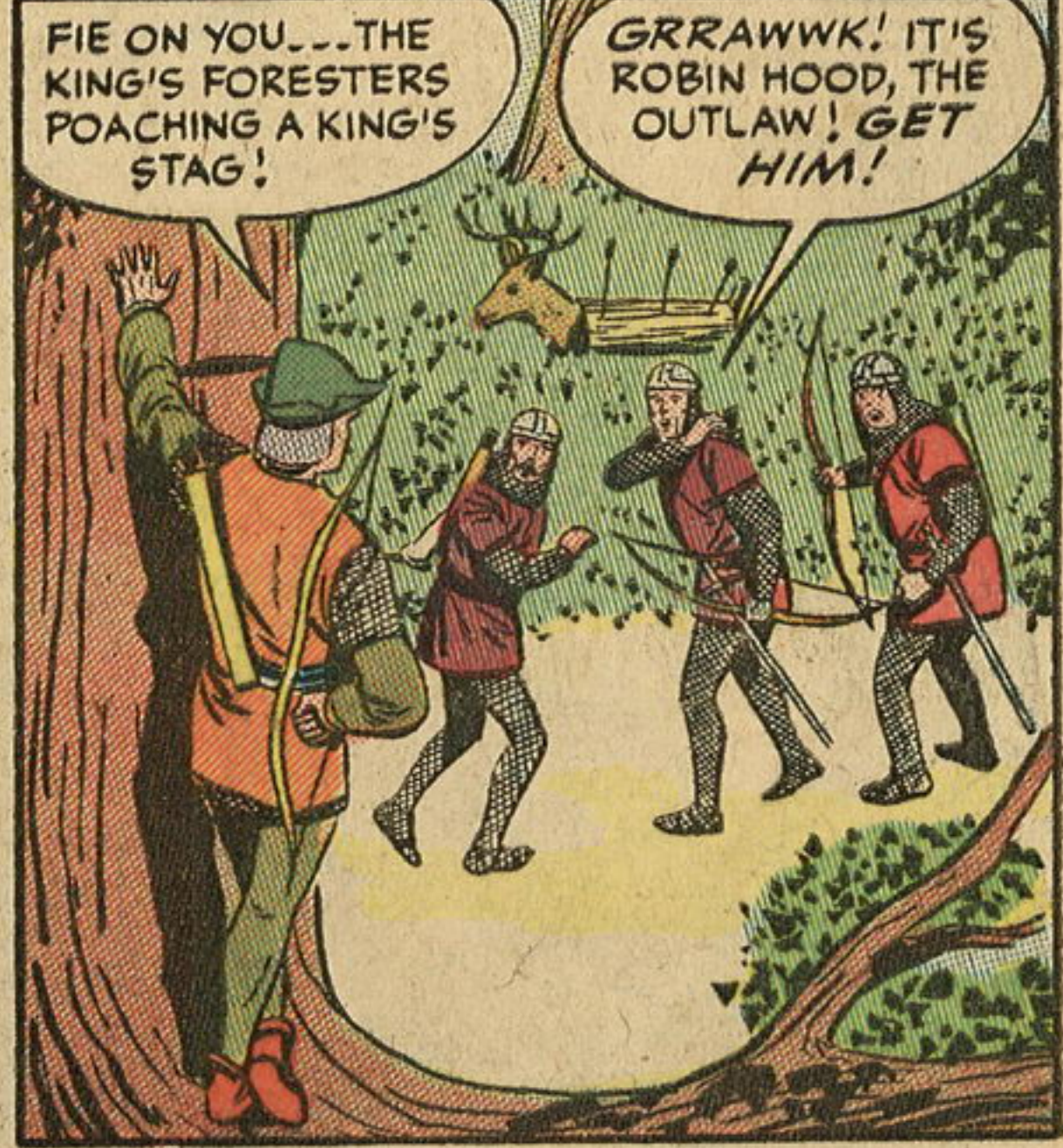


IF WE'RE CAUGHT NOW, WE'LL
SAY THE OUTLAWS SHOT IT
AND... AWRRRK!



FIE ON YOU... THE
KING'S FORESTERS
POACHING A KING'S
STAG!

GRRRAWWK! IT'S
ROBIN HOOD, THE
OUTLAW! GET
HIM!



OWOOOSH!!

WELL DONE, WILL
SCARLET! YOUR
TIMELY APPEAR-
ANCE HAS
RENDERED THEM
SPEECHLESS!



SPEAK UP, ROGUES!
YOU'VE MEAT
APLENTY AT ALL
TIMES! WHY
SHOULD YOU
RISK POACH-
ING A ROYAL
STAG?

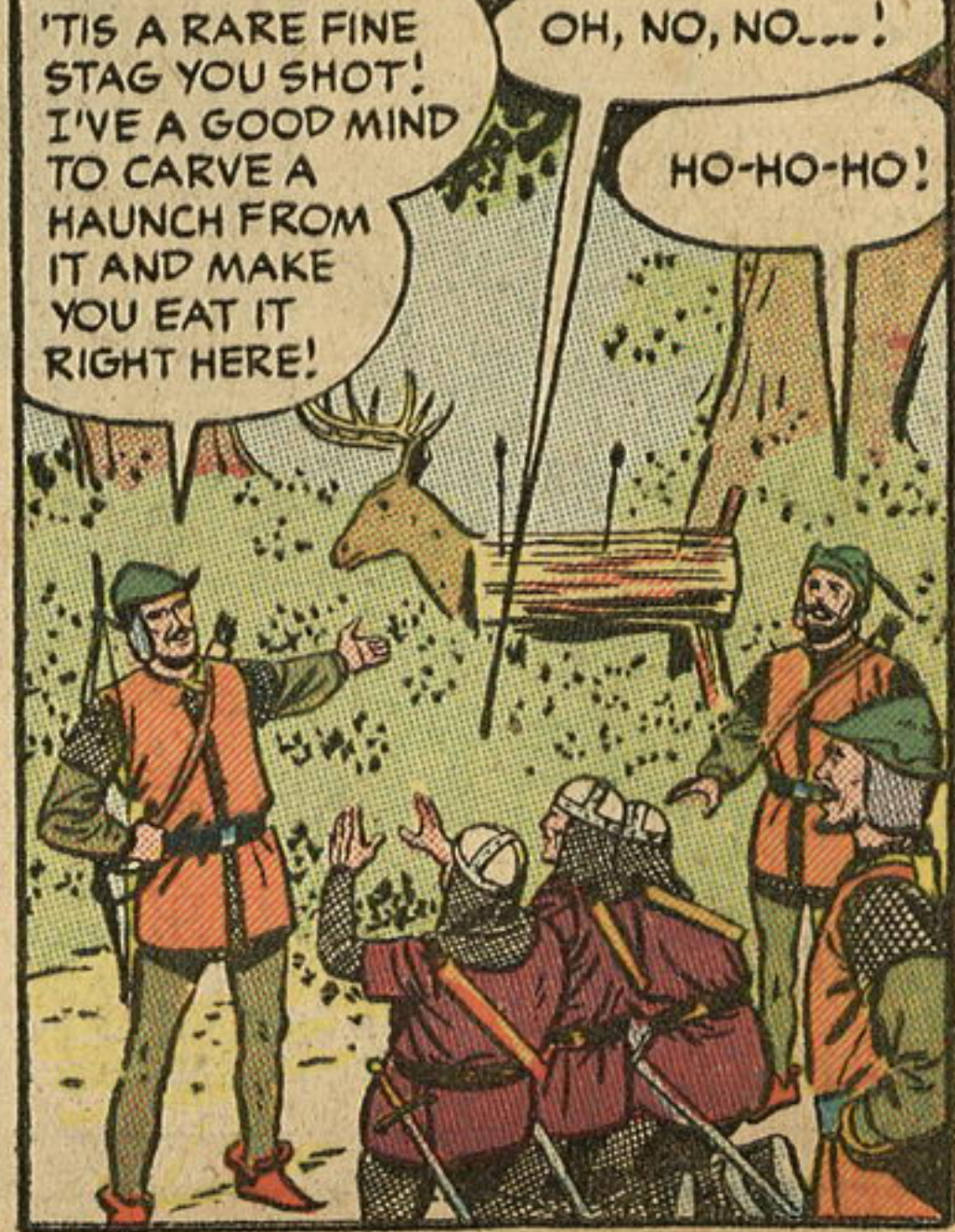
F-FOR THE
SHERIFF OF
NOTTINGHAM!
HE IS GIVING A
GREAT FEAST
FOR VISITING
NOBLES TONIGHT
AND WILL PAY WELL
FOR VENISON!

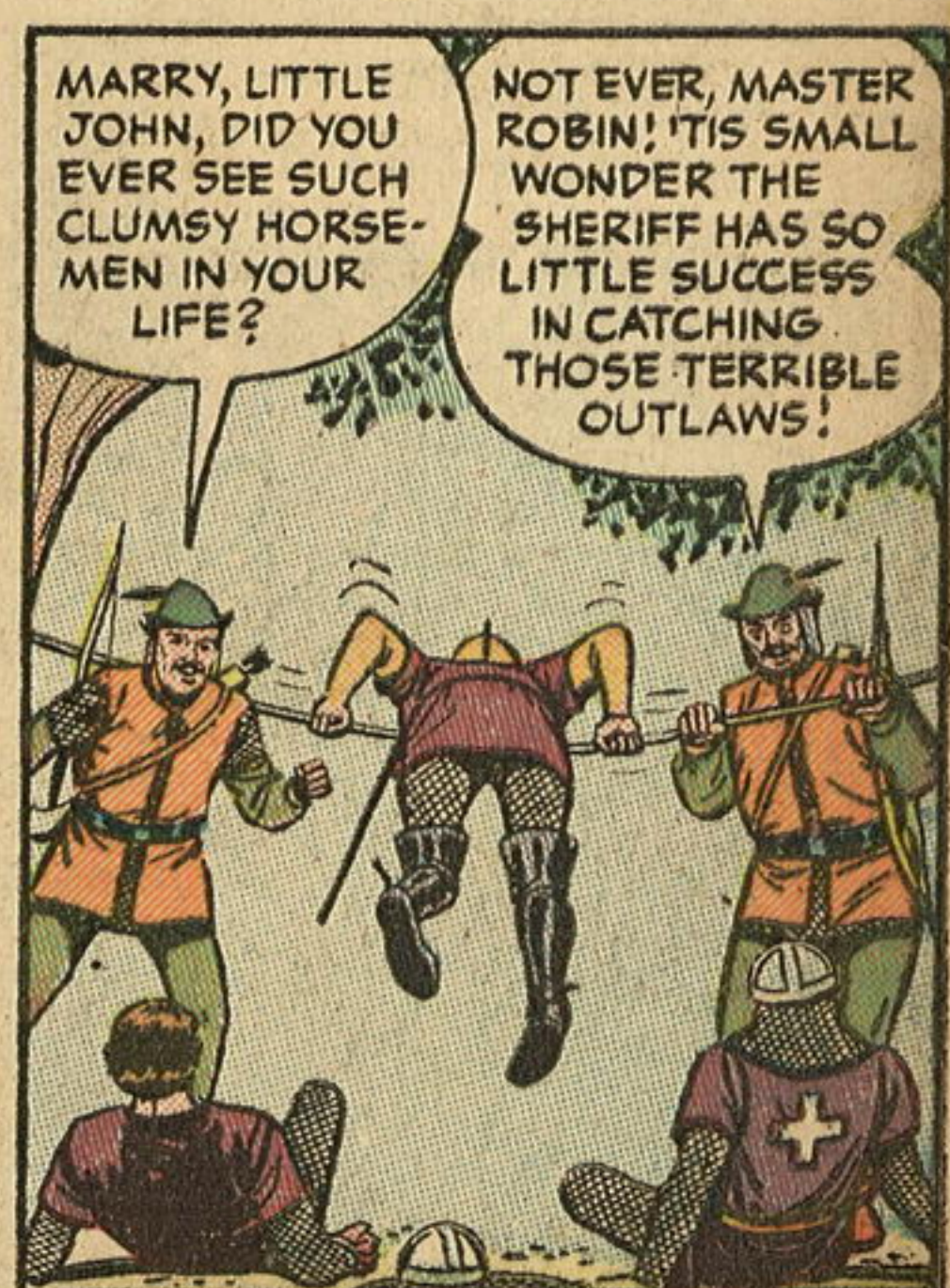
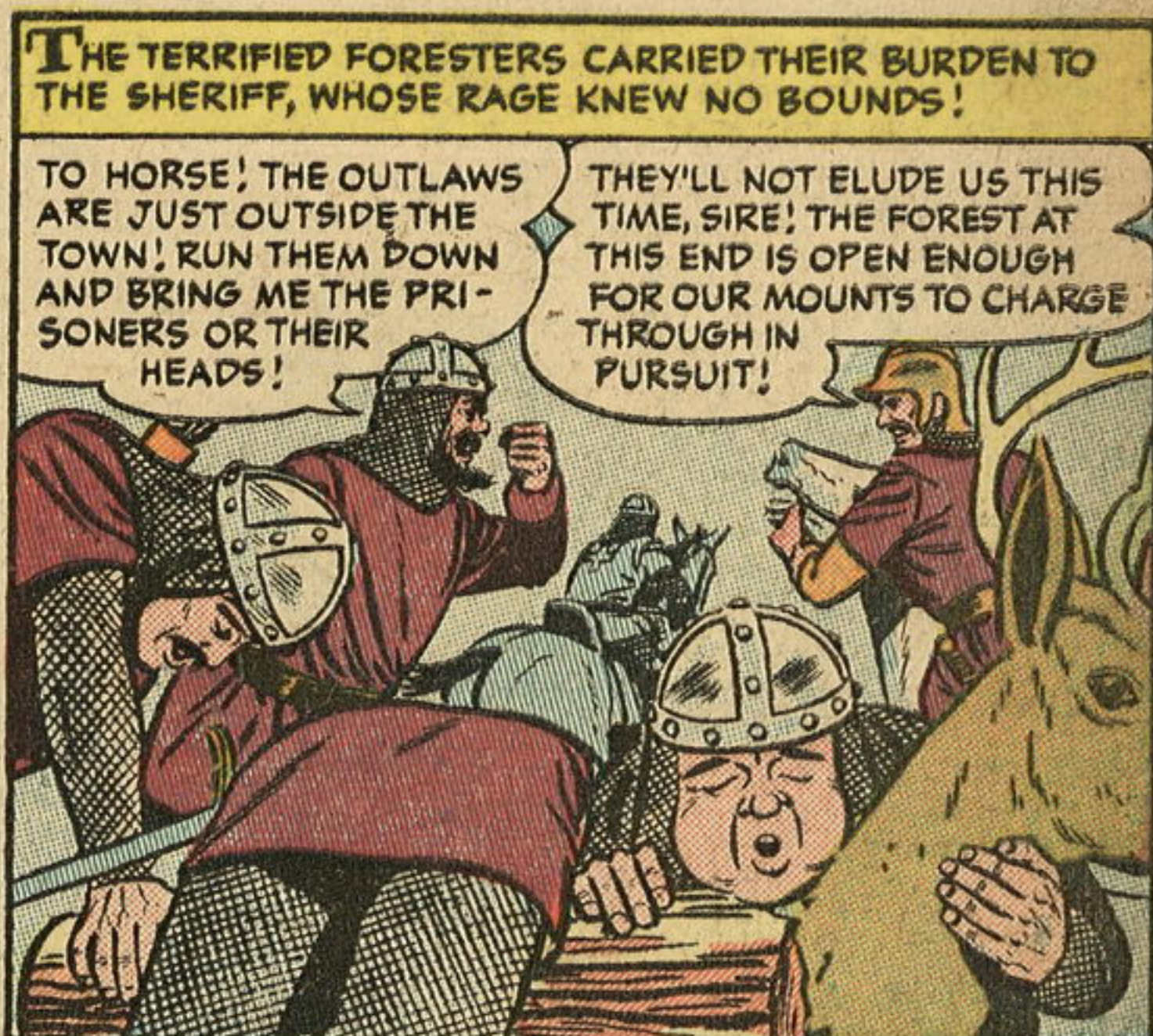
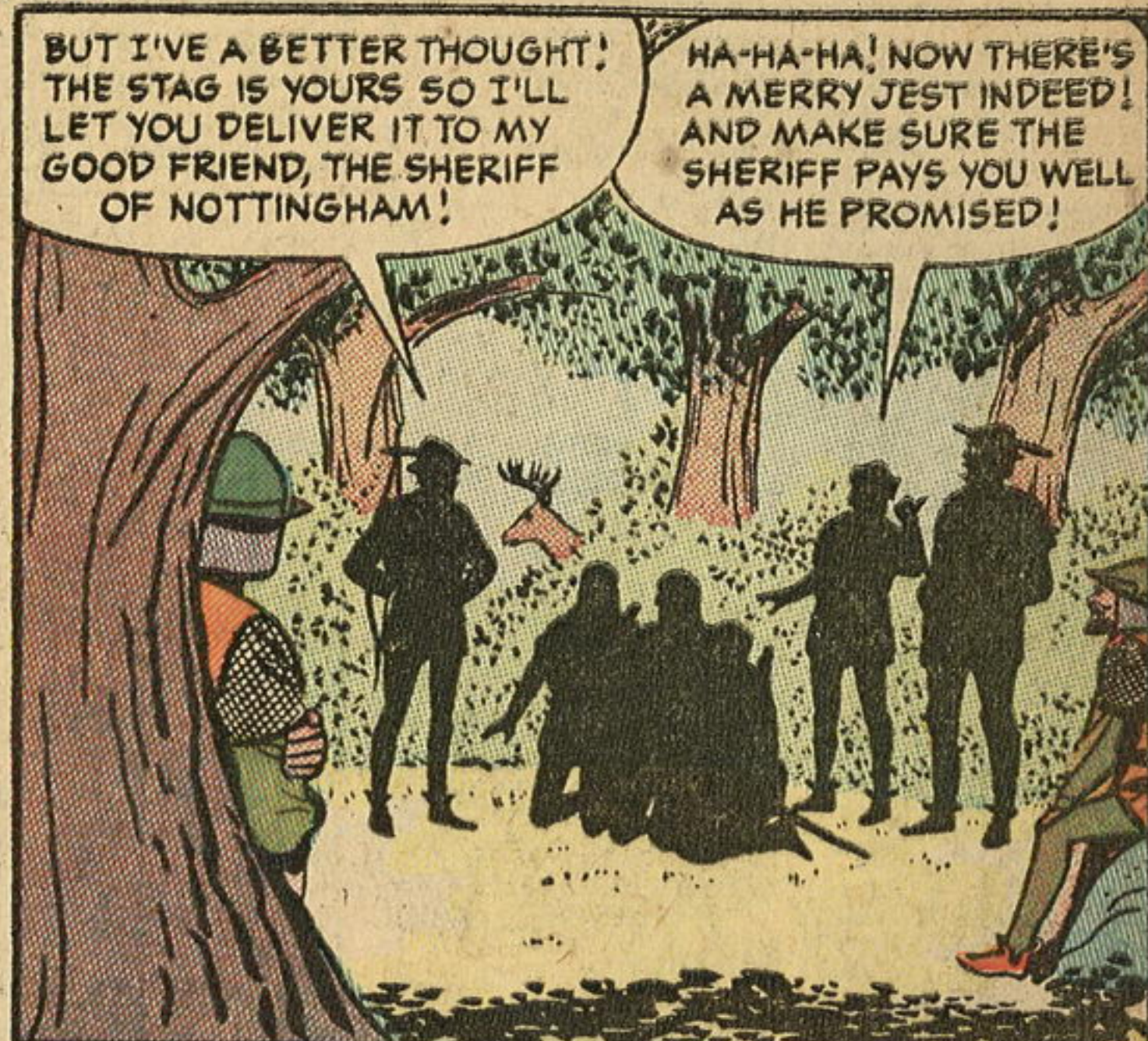


'TIS A RARE FINE
STAG YOU SHOT!
I'VE A GOOD MIND
TO CARVE A
HAUNCH FROM
IT AND MAKE
YOU EAT IT
RIGHT HERE!

OH, NO, NO...!

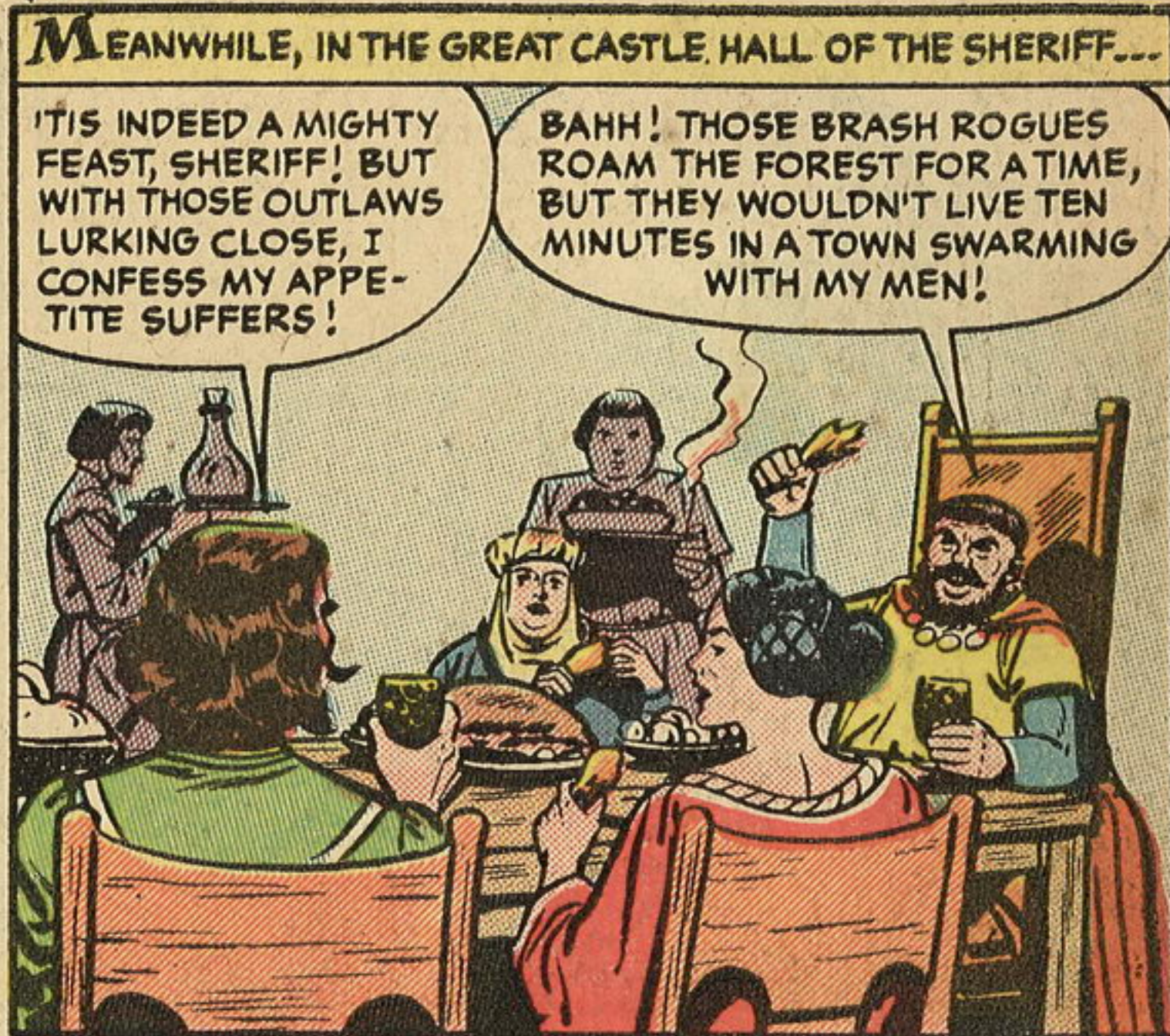
HO-HO-HO!





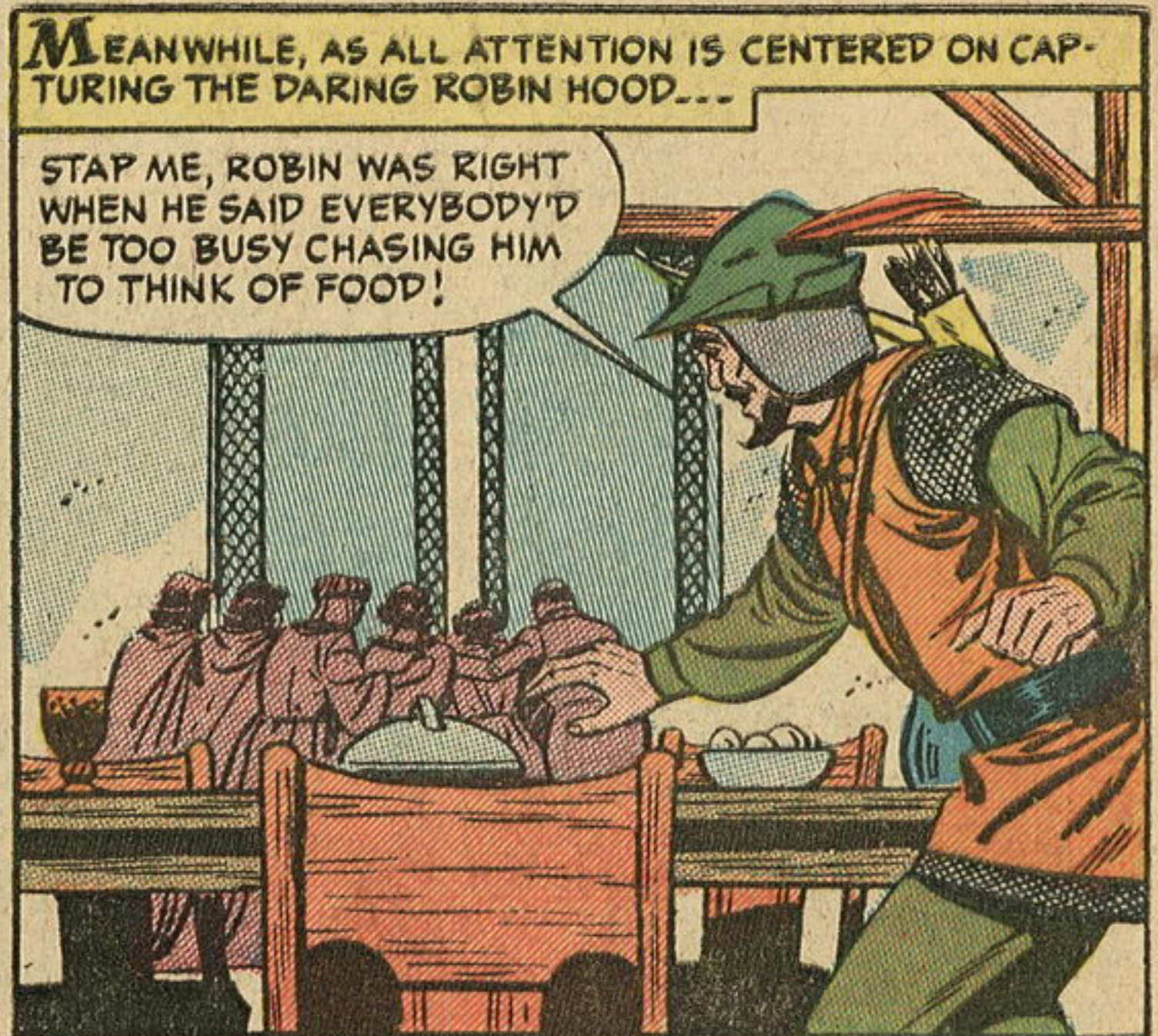
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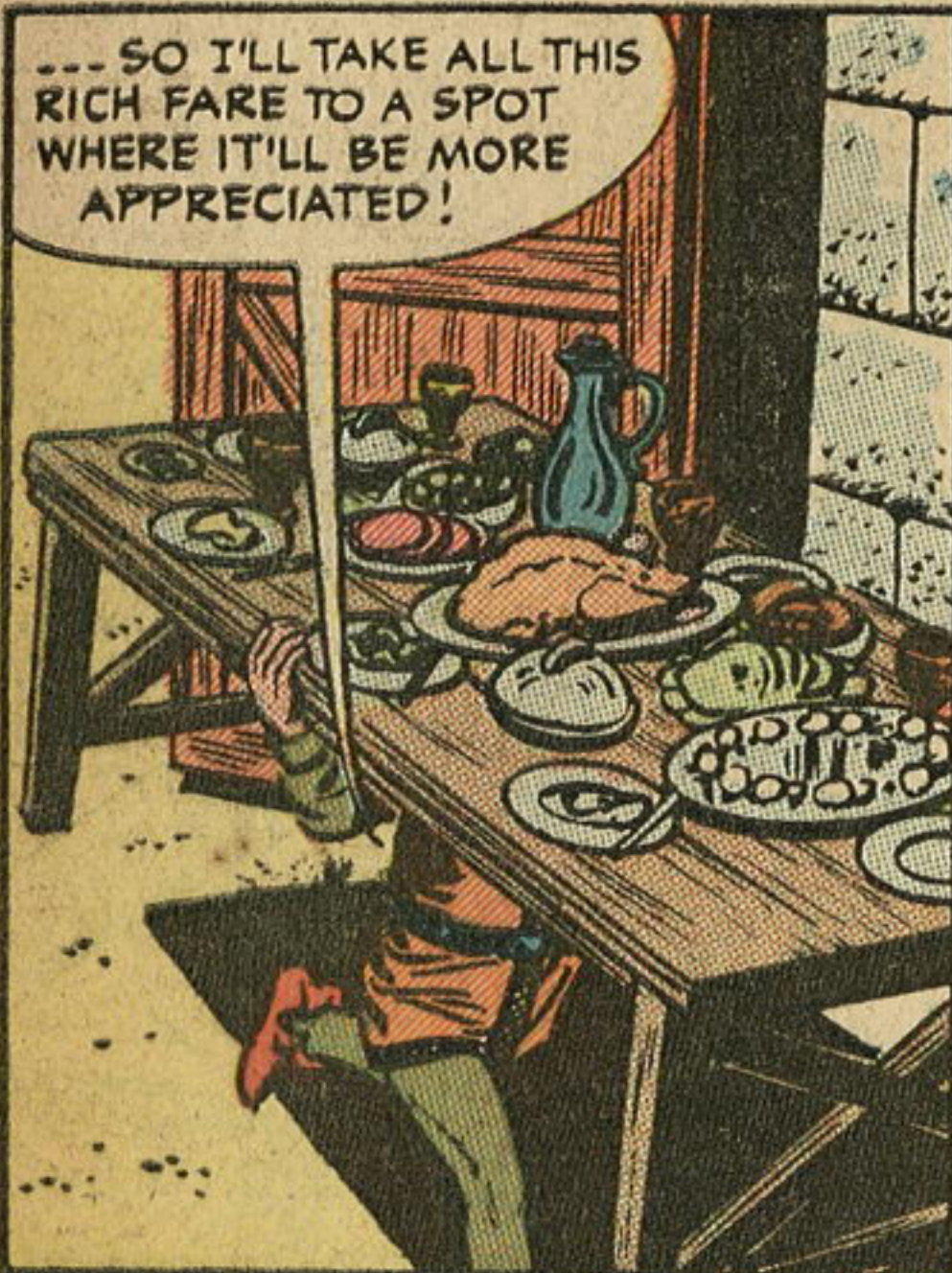


NOW IF I HAD TO GO DOWN, I'D BE FAIR CAUGHT... SO I'M GLAD I MADE PLANS TO GO UP!



MEANWHILE, AS ALL ATTENTION IS CENTERED ON CAPTURING THE DARING ROBIN HOOD...

STAP ME, ROBIN WAS RIGHT WHEN HE SAID EVERYBODY'D BE TOO BUSY CHASING HIM TO THINK OF FOOD!



... SO I'LL TAKE ALL THIS RICH FARE TO A SPOT WHERE IT'LL BE MORE APPRECIATED!



FOOD! FOOD! I'VE TASTED NO MEAT FOR WEEKS! FALL TO!

WE'LL BE OFF, LITTLE JOHN! I'M SURE OUR CONTRIBUTION OF THE GOOD SHERIFF'S BOUNTY IS IN APPRECIATIVE HANDS!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

EEAAHHHH! MY FINE FEAST IN THE CLUTCHES OF THESE PEASANTS! GIVE ME BACK MY VICTUALS, YOU SCOUNDRELS!

WHY RIGHT GLADLY, SIR SHERIFF... OR AT LEAST, WHAT'S LEFT OF THEM!



HELP YOURSELF!

EEAAHHHHH! HALP! GUARDS!



A FOUL AND TREACHEROUS ATTACK, HOST SHERIFF! WILL YOU PERMIT THAT OUTLAW TO LAUGH AT OUR DISCOMFITURE?

NEVER! ALREADY MY MIND PRODUCES A PLAN TO TRAP ROBIN HOOD AND SEE HIM SWING FROM MY GIBBET!

HOURS LATER, DEEP IN SHERWOOD FOREST...

MARRY, YOU HAD A GAY NIGHT!
BUT METHINKS YOU'LL BE
ASKED TO PAY THE PIPER
FOR YOUR FUN WHEN
THE SHERIFF
RECOVERS!

THAT WE SHALL, WILL!
THE SHERIFF WILL NOT
LET THIS INSULT PASS!
WE MUST BE READY FOR
GRIM VENGEANCE
SHORTLY!



THE NEXT DAY THE SHERIFF'S EVIL SCHEME TAKES ROOT!

BUT WHY AM I ARRESTED,
GOOD SIR? WHAT
WRONG HAVE I DONE?

YOU'RE FRIENDLY WITH THE
OUTLAW, ROBIN HOOD,
THAT'S WHAT! FOR THAT
CRIME, YOU'LL SWING FROM
THE GALLOWS AT DAWN!



SHORTLY AFTERWARD...

...AND POOR
TANNER IS
HAULED TO THE
DUNGEON TO BE
HANGED AT DAWN
FOR BEING
FRIENDLY WITH
YOU, SIRE!

SO THIS
IS THE
PRICE OF LAST
NIGHT'S FUN! I
MIGHT'VE KNOWN
THAT KNAVE
WOULD VENT HIS
RAGE ON THE
HELPLESS!



'TIS A TRAP,
OF COURSE!
HE KNOWS I'D
NOT LET THE
INNOCENT
SUFFER FOR
MY ACTS...
SO HE USES
TANNER AS
BAIT IN A
TRAP!

BUT WHAT CAN
YOU DO, MASTER
ROBIN? MARK ME,
IF YOU TRY TO
RESCUE POOR
TANNER, YOU'LL
FALL STRAIGHT-
WAY INTO HIS
CLUTCHES!



BUT THERE'S NO HELP FOR IT, LITTLE
JOHN! I MUST GET POOR TANNER
FREE, THOUGH IT COST ME MY HEAD!
STAND BY WHILE I SEE TO IT!



LATE THAT EVENING, WHEN DUSK HAS FALLEN...

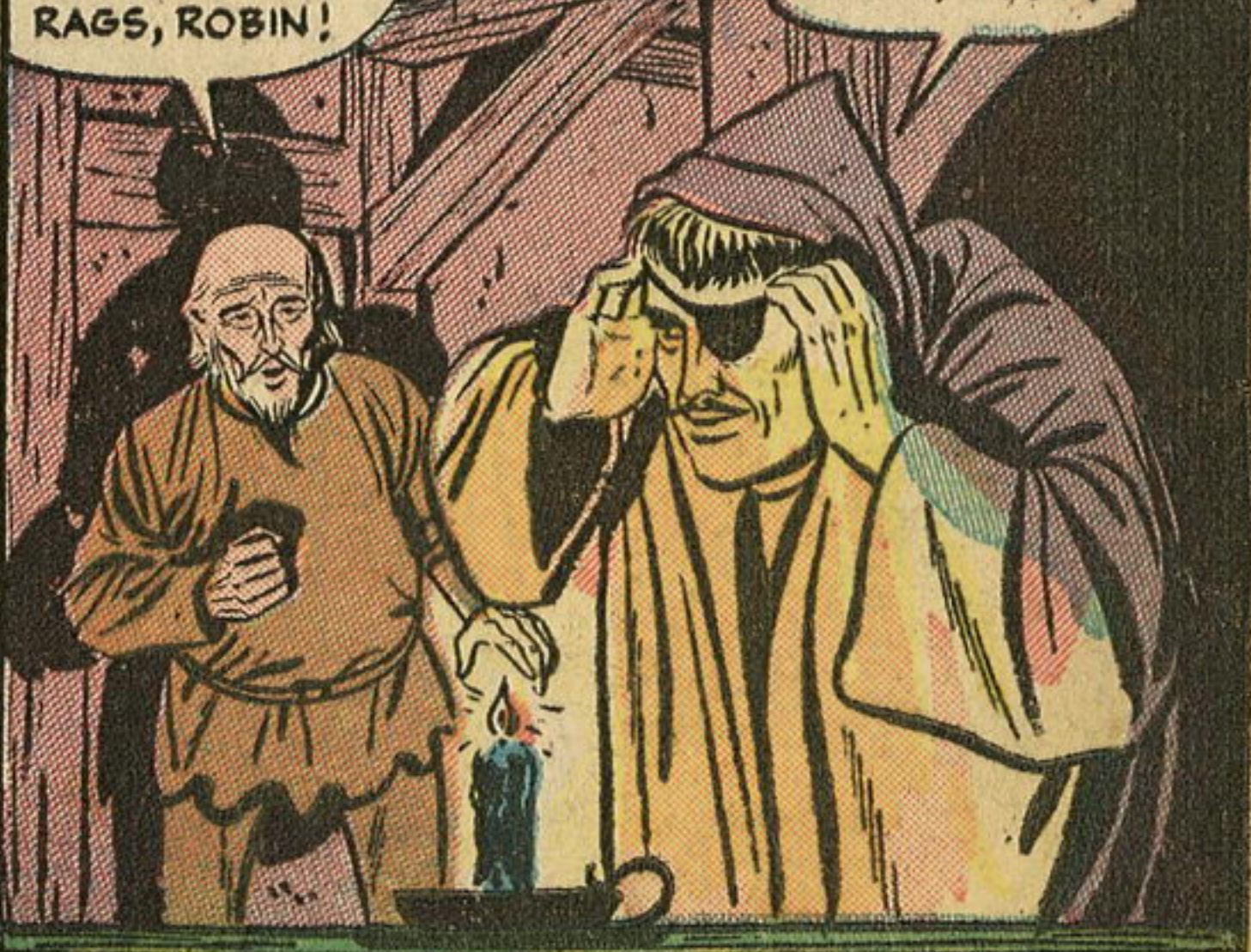
BELIEVE ME, IT WAS IN MY
MIND NOT TO HEED YOUR
SIGNAL, ROBIN HOOD,
KNOWING THE TRAP
THAT AWAITS YOU!

NO MATTER, KIND LOBB!
THOUGH IT END ON THE
GALLOWS, MY TRAIL MUST
LEAD TO FREEDOM FOR
POOR TANNER!



ZOUNDS! YOUR OWN
MOTHER'D NOT
RECOGNIZE YOU
IN THOSE FOUL
RAGS, ROBIN!

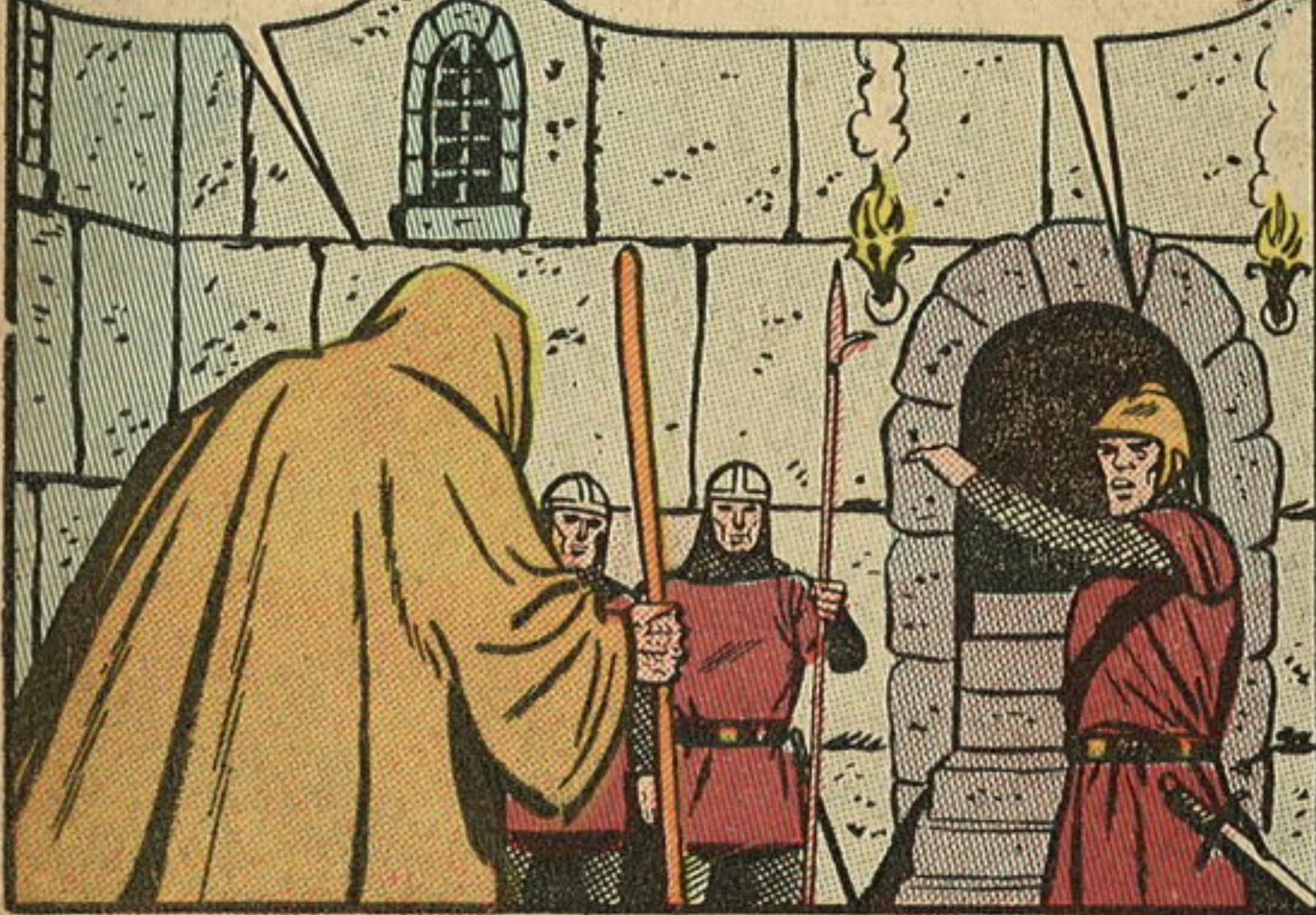
IF THE SAME COULD BE SAID
FOR THAT SLY CAPTAIN OF THE
SHERIFF'S GUARD, I MIGHT HAVE
HOPE, LOBB!



A SHORT TIME LATER, BEFORE THE DUNGEON WHERE TANNER IS HELD...

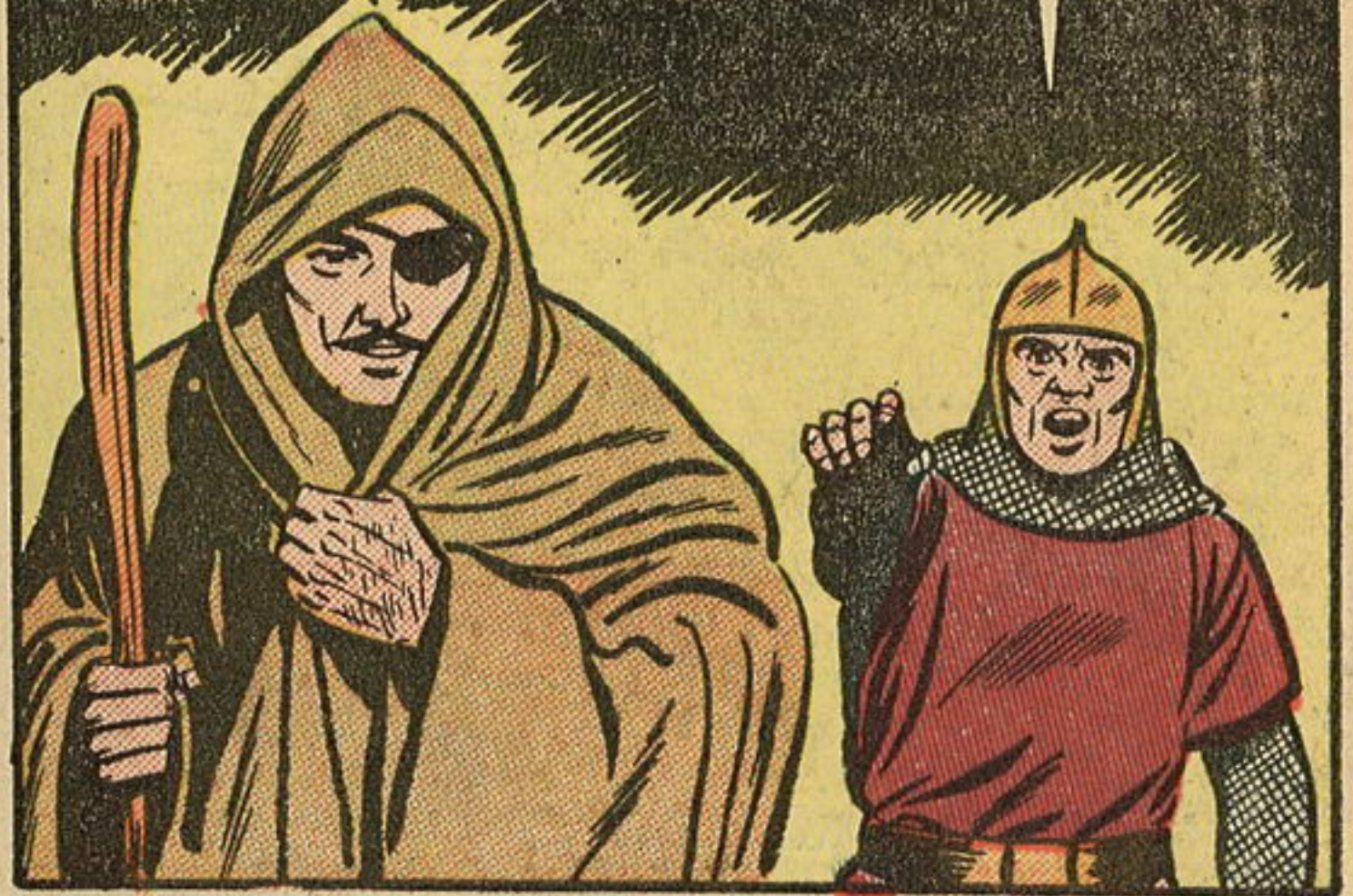
PLEASE, GOOD, KIND SIR CAPTAIN, MILORD...

WHA...? BEGONE, YOU FOUL AND FILTHY CHURL! AWAY WITH YOU ERE YOU KEEP THAT OTHER SAXON COMPANY IN HIS CELL!



AH ME! THERE IS A FAT REWARD FOR THE OUTLAW, ROBIN HOOD, AND I HOPED TO CLAIM IT WITH THE SECRET I HOLD! BUT THEN...!

REWARD? ROBIN HOOD? HOLD ON, BEGGAR! DON'T BE SO HASTY!



MAYHAP I CAN AID YOU! TELL ME YOUR SECRET... AND I'LL...ER... SEE THAT YOU GET YOUR JUST REWARD! YOU CAN TRUST ME!

OH, I CAN SEE YOU'RE HONEST, CAP'N, SIRE! BUT I FEAR TO SAY WHAT I KNOW OUT HERE! OTHERS MAY HEAR AND STEAL THE SECRET!



NONE WILL LISTEN HERE SAVE THIS CHURL WHO'LL TELL NOBODY, FOR HE HANGS IN A FEW HOURS! NOW SPEAK UP!

VERY WELL, KIND CAPTAIN! BEND CLOSE THAT I MAY WHISPER...

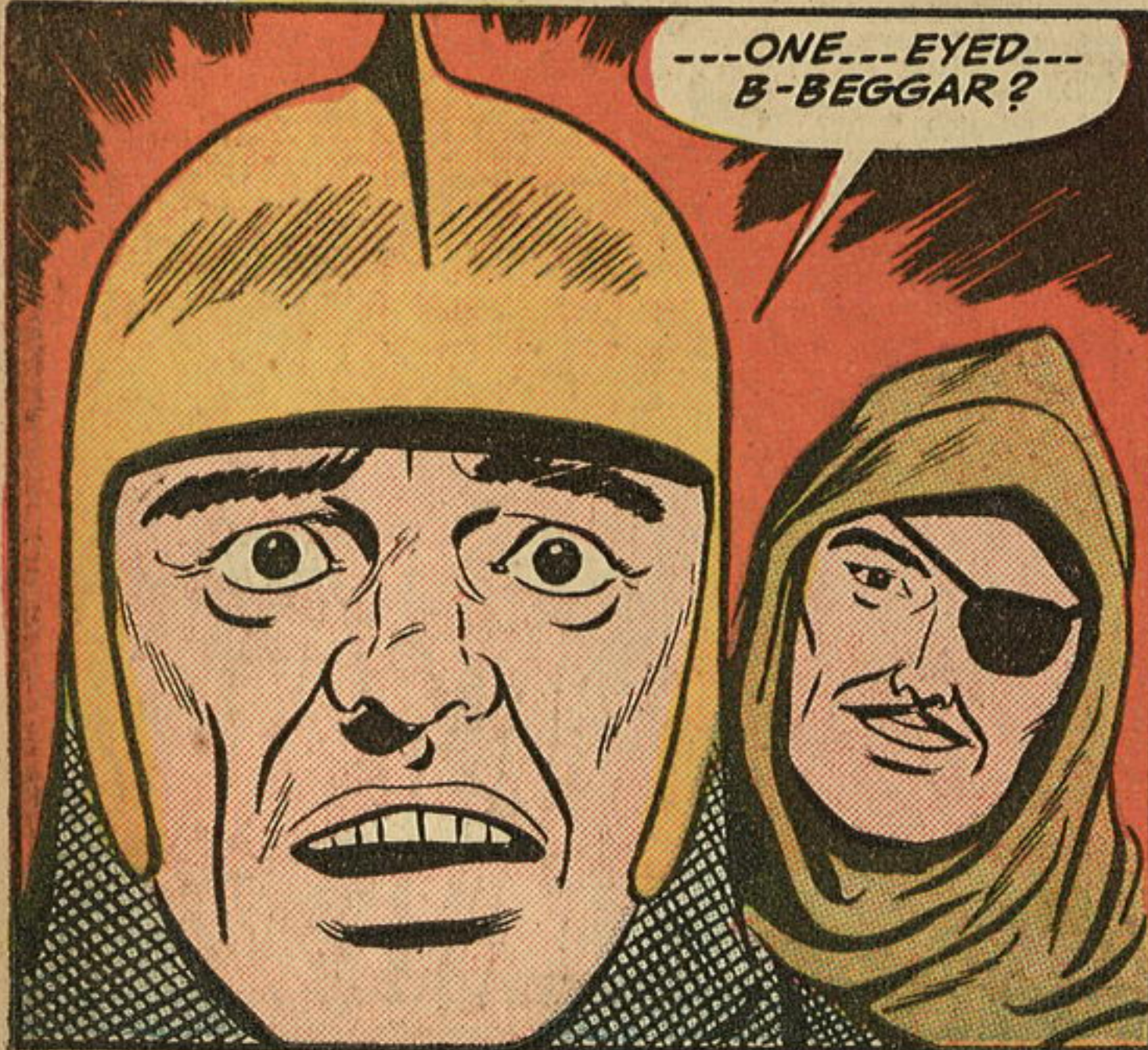


SHHH! IT'S KNOWN ROBIN HOOD IS IN NOTTINGHAM THIS NIGHT, DISGUISED AS A ONE-EYED BEGGAR IN RAGS!

BAH! IS THAT YOUR GREAT SECRET! ANYONE KNOWS THE VARLET OFTEN DISGUISES HIMSELF AS A...A... ULP!

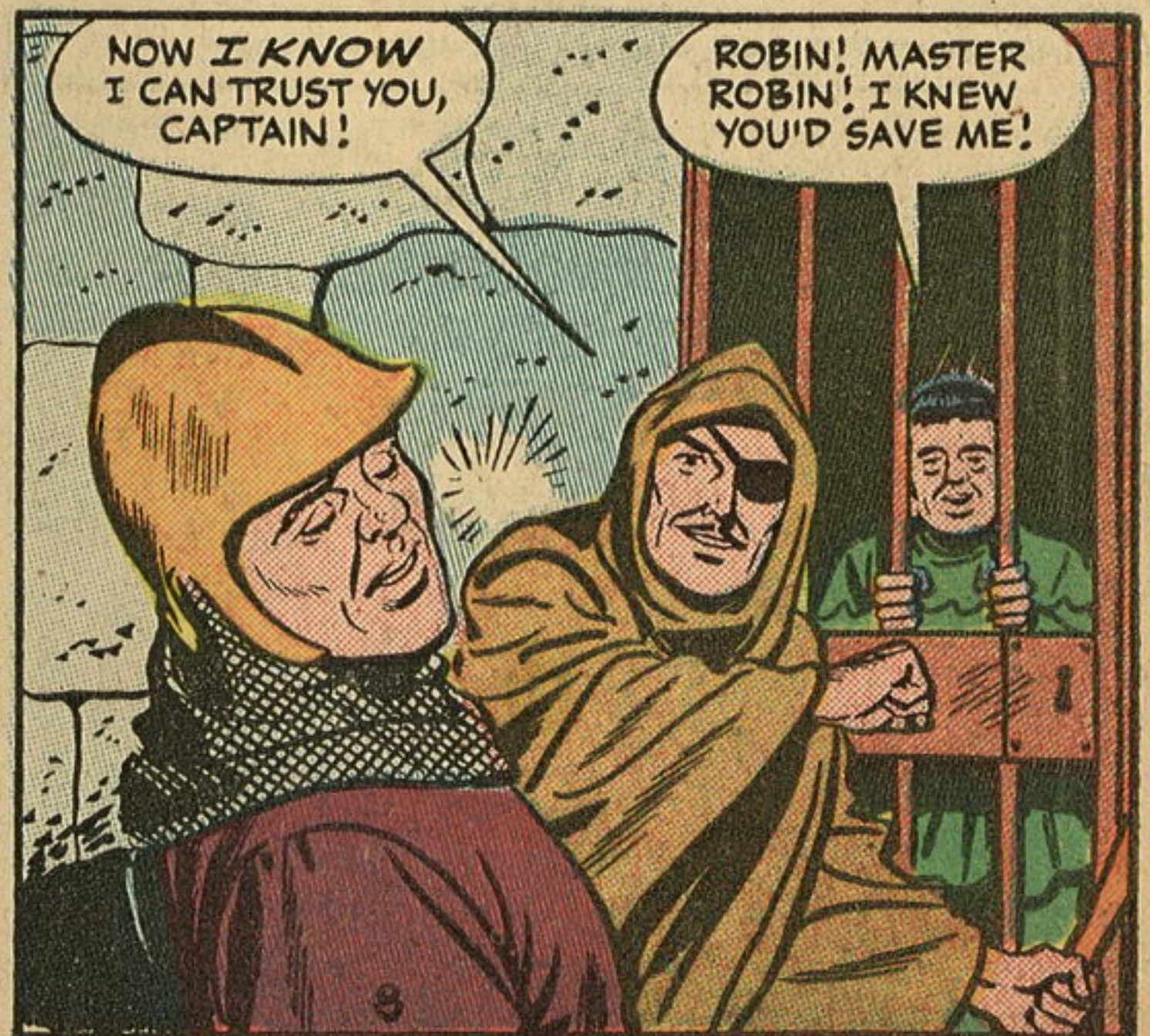


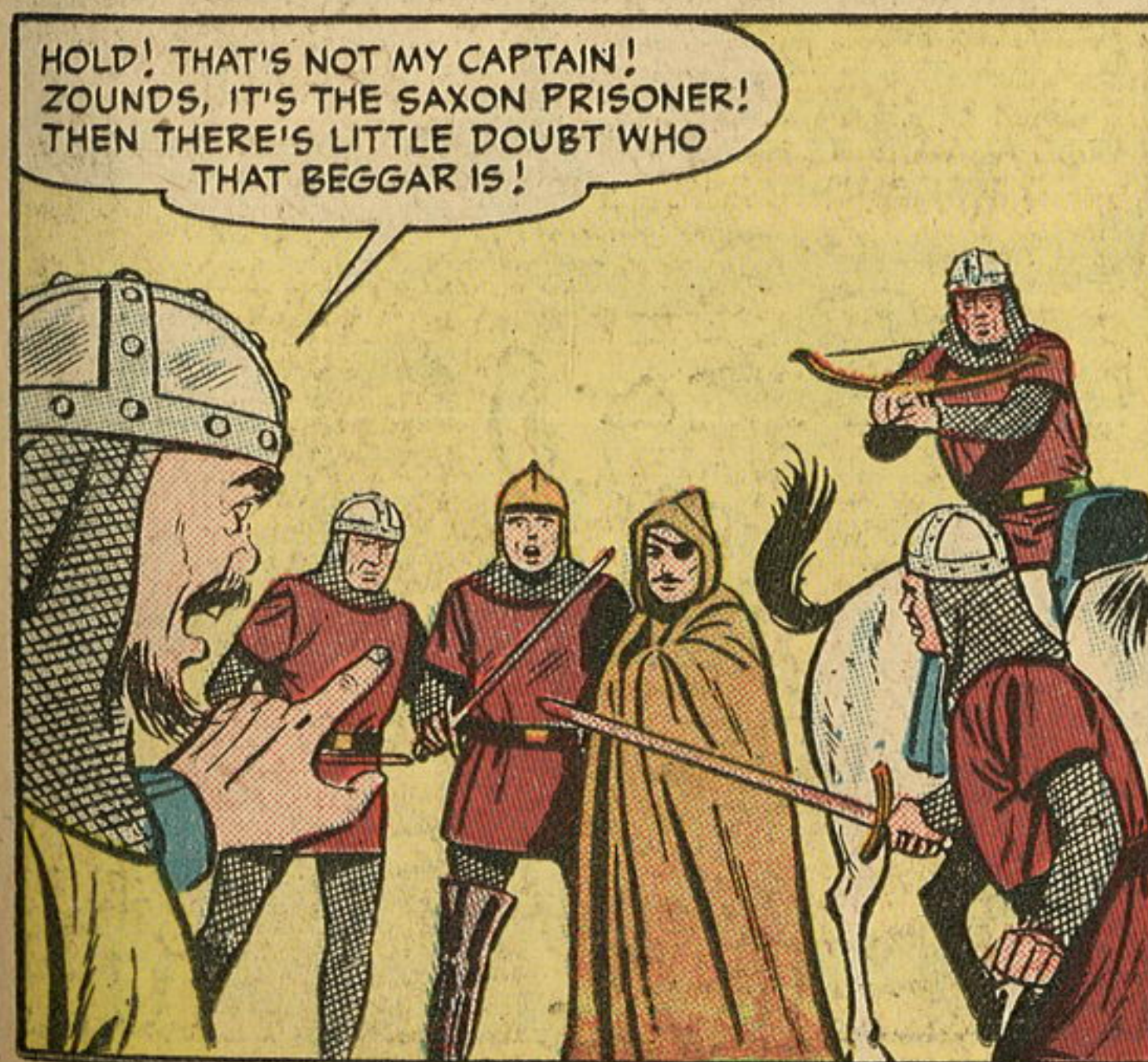
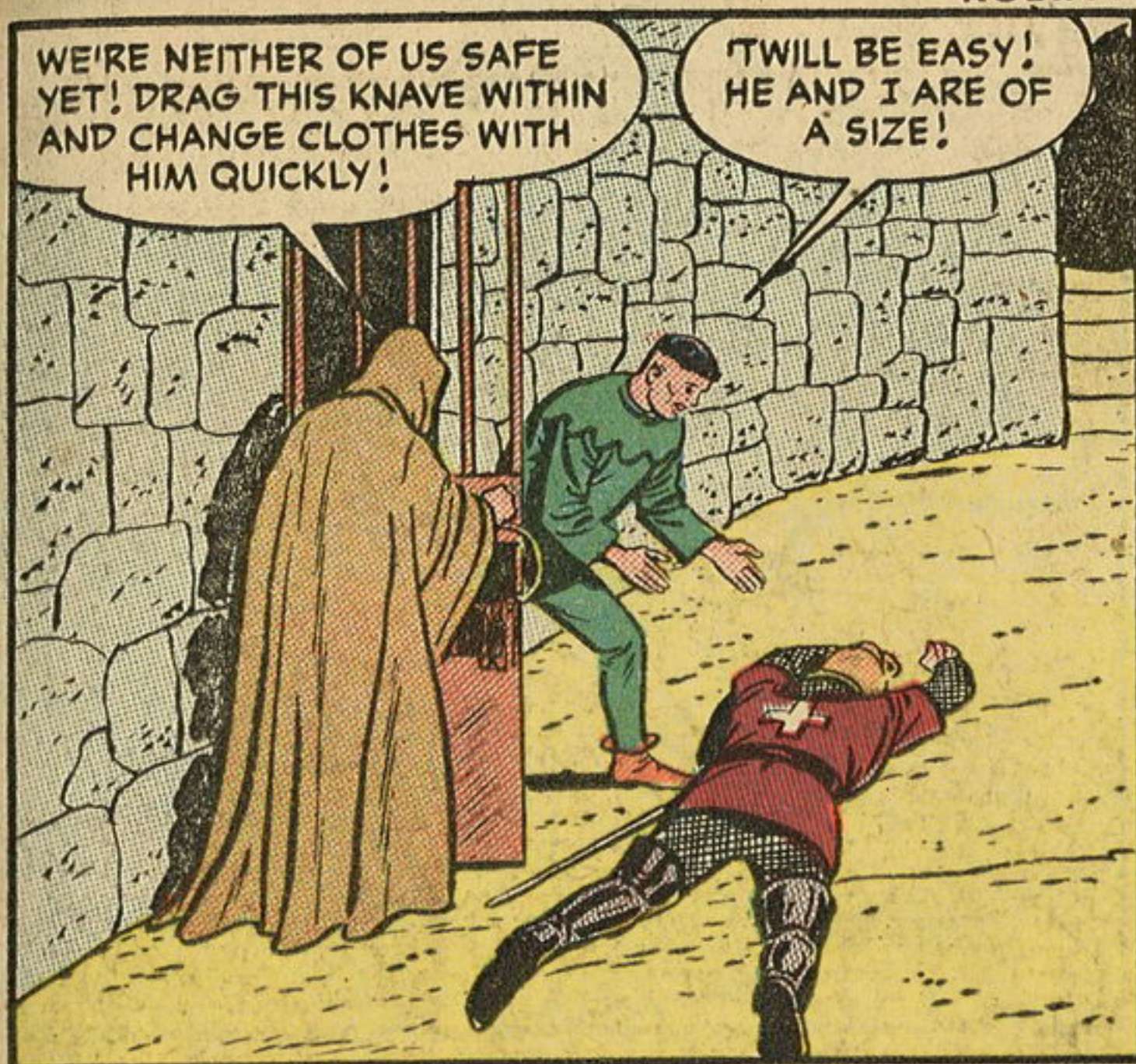
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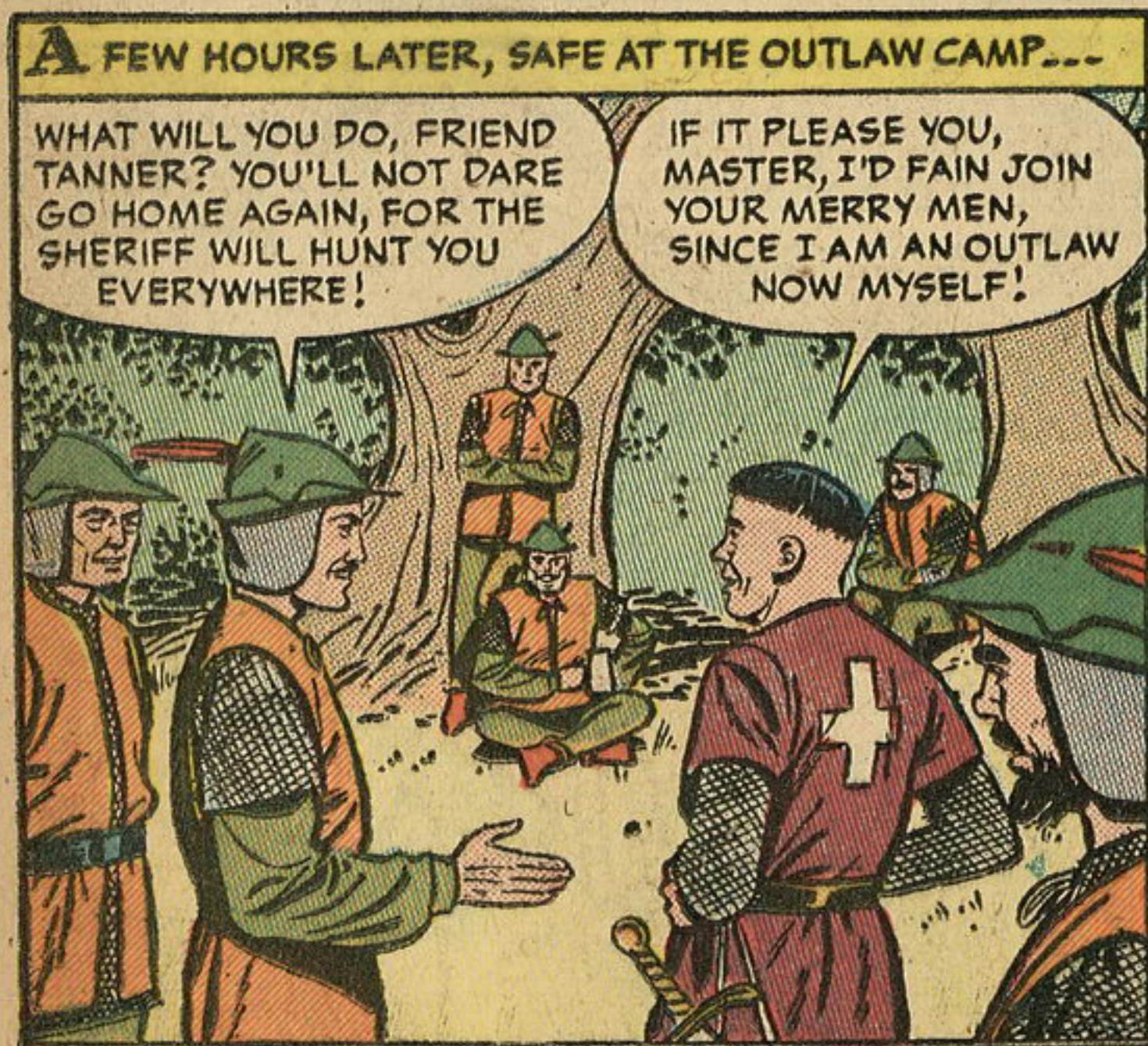
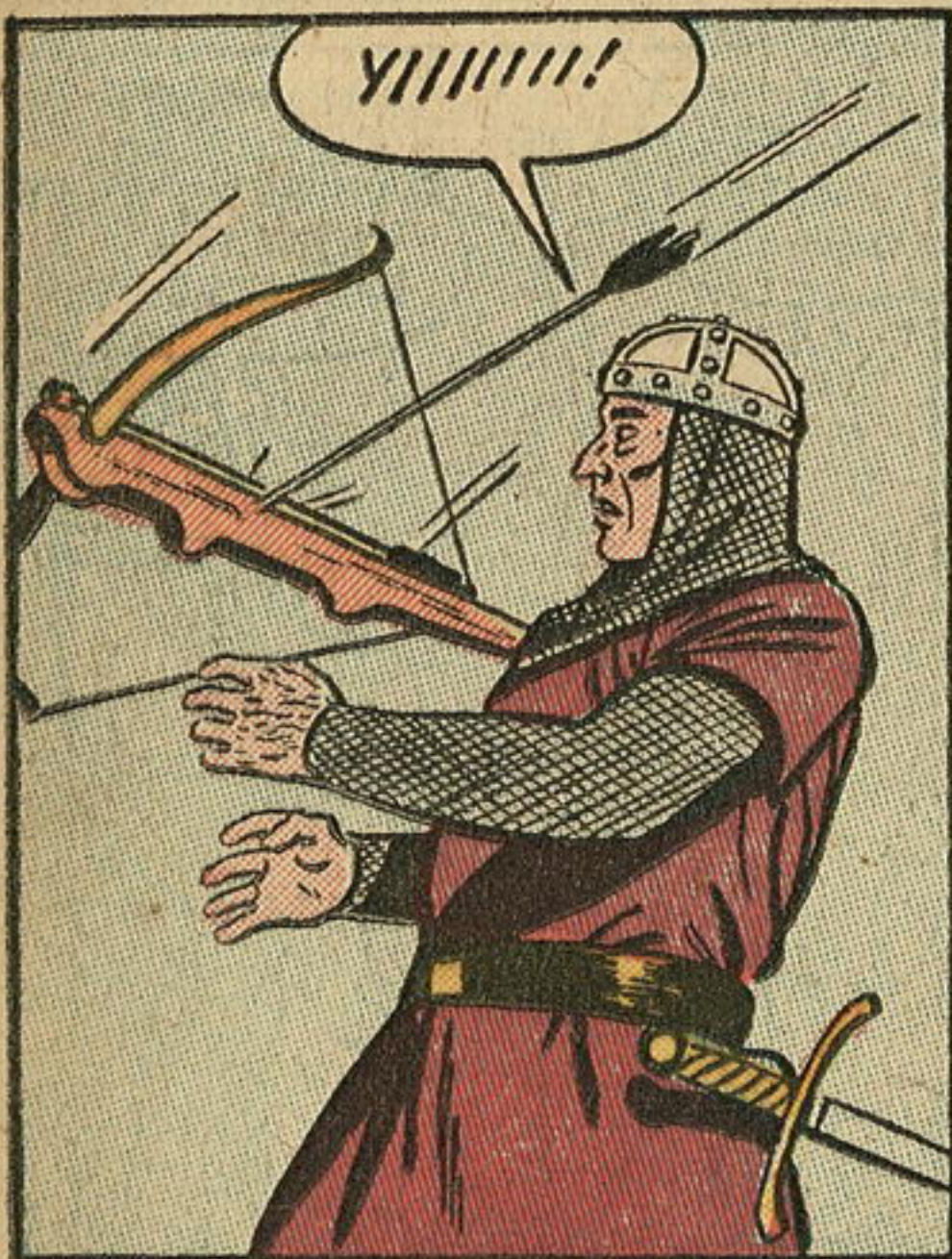
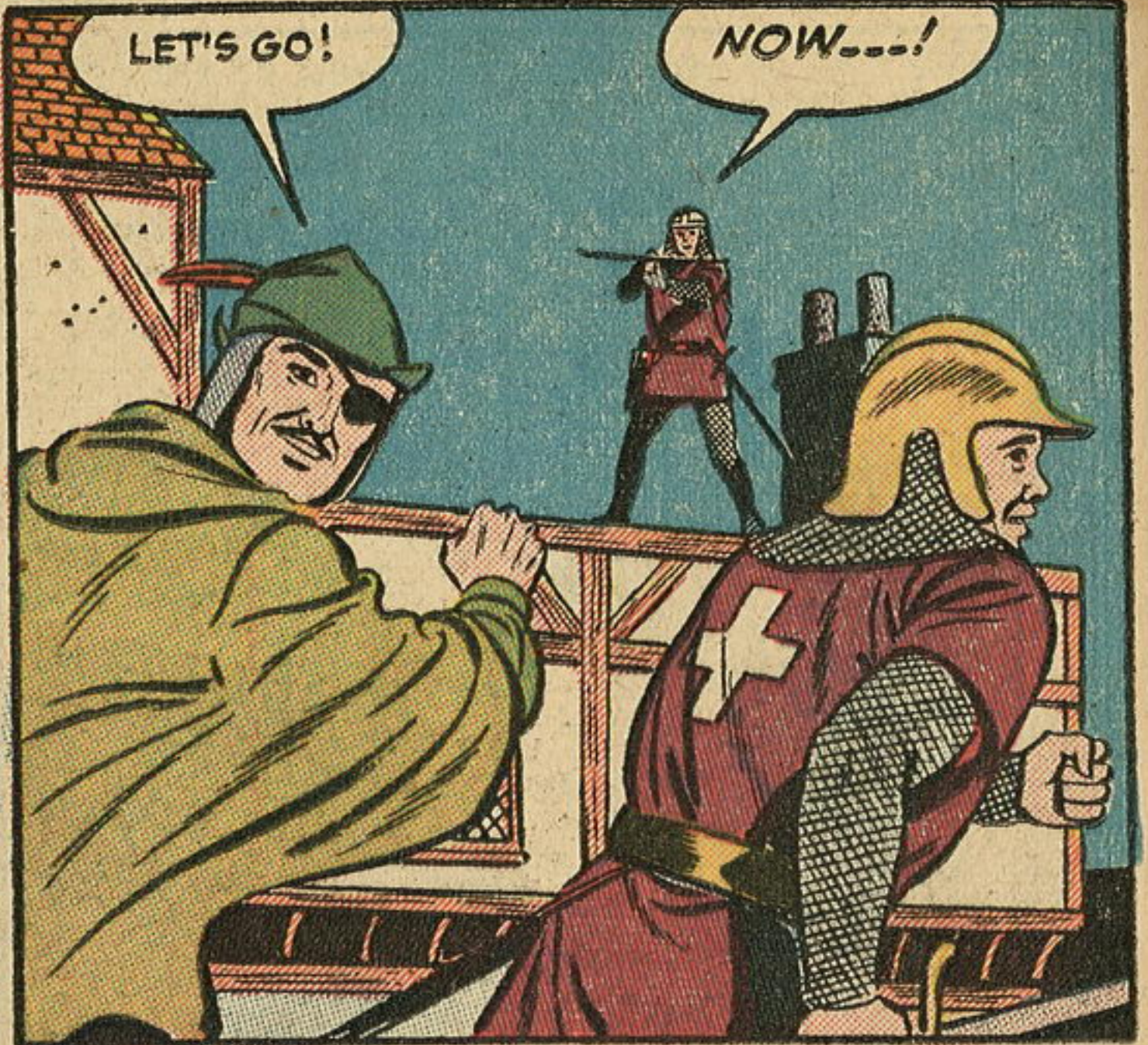
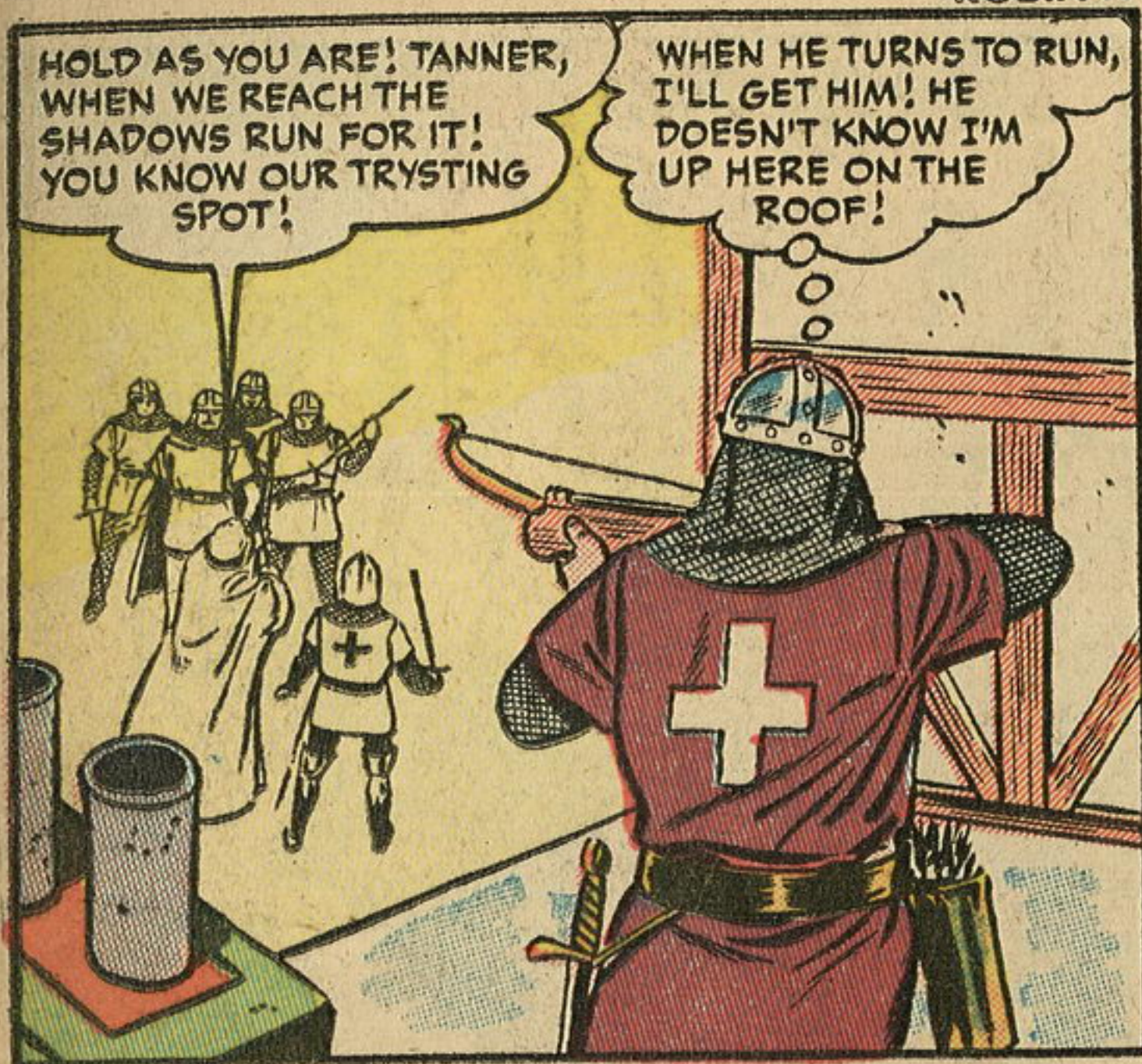


NOW I KNOW I CAN TRUST YOU, CAPTAIN!

ROBIN! MASTER ROBIN! I KNEW YOU'D SAVE ME!







Robin Hood

DID I HEAR NOW YOU WERE SEEKING THE OUTLAW, ROBIN HOOD? ME-THINKS YOUR QUEST HAS BEEN MOST SUCCESSFUL!

DEEP IN SHERWOOD FOREST LIVED A POOR BUT HONORABLE MAN KNOWN AS HONEST JOHN! HE WAS PROUD THAT NEVER HAD HE OWED A DEBT THAT WAS NOT PROMPTLY PAID! THEN THE NORMAN TAX COLLECTORS CAME TO TELL HIM HE OWED MORE THAN HE COULD PAY IN A LIFETIME! IT WAS THE KIND OF SITUATION THAT WAS BOUND TO AROUSE...

The Wrath of Robin Hood

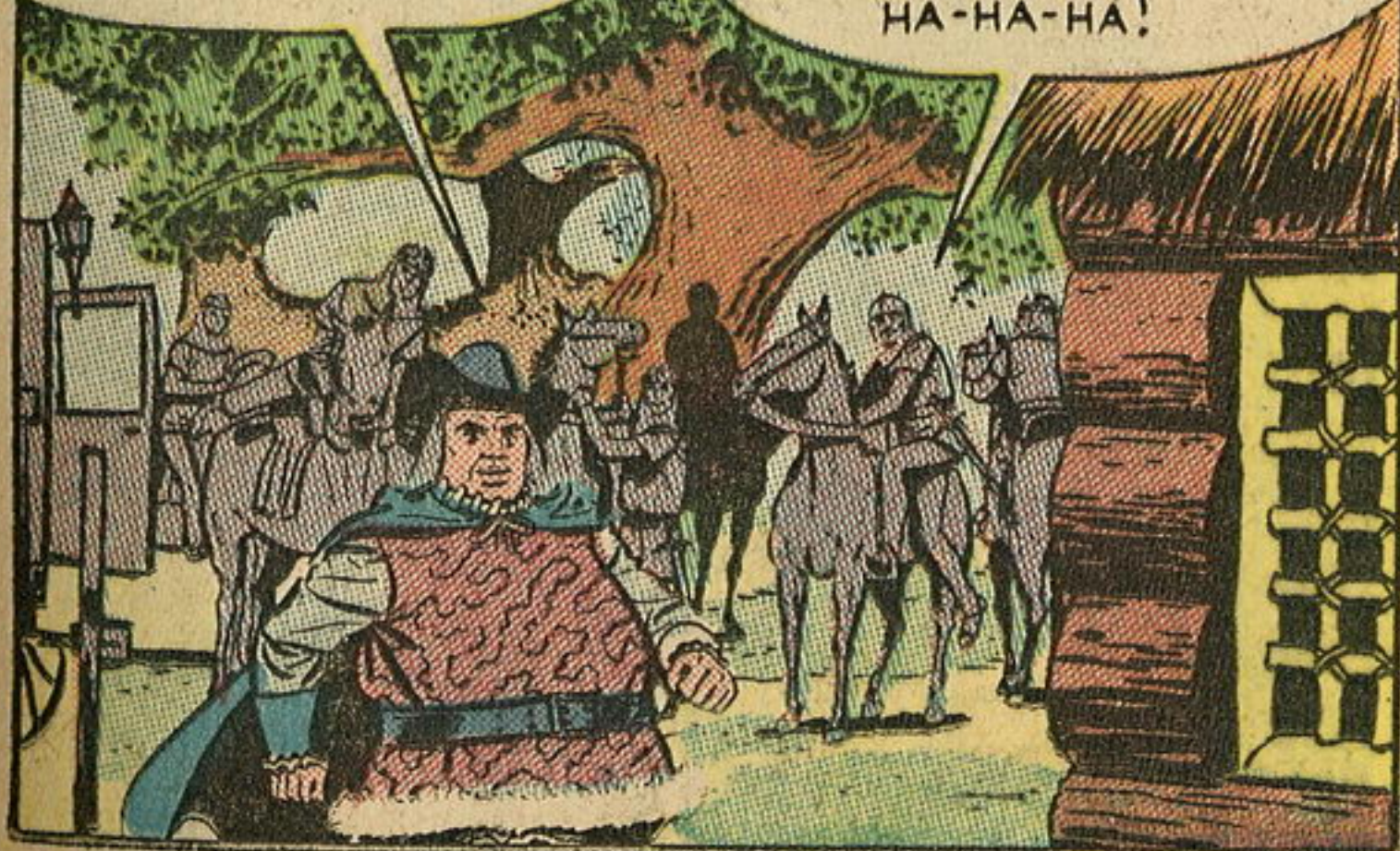
HONEST JOHN, THE WOOD-CHOPPER, HAD BUILT A HUMBLE CABIN DEEP IN SHERWOOD FOREST!

PAH! THESE SAXON DOLTS LIVE IN HOVELS! TO THEM A STOUT DUNGEON MUST SEEM LIKE A PALACE!

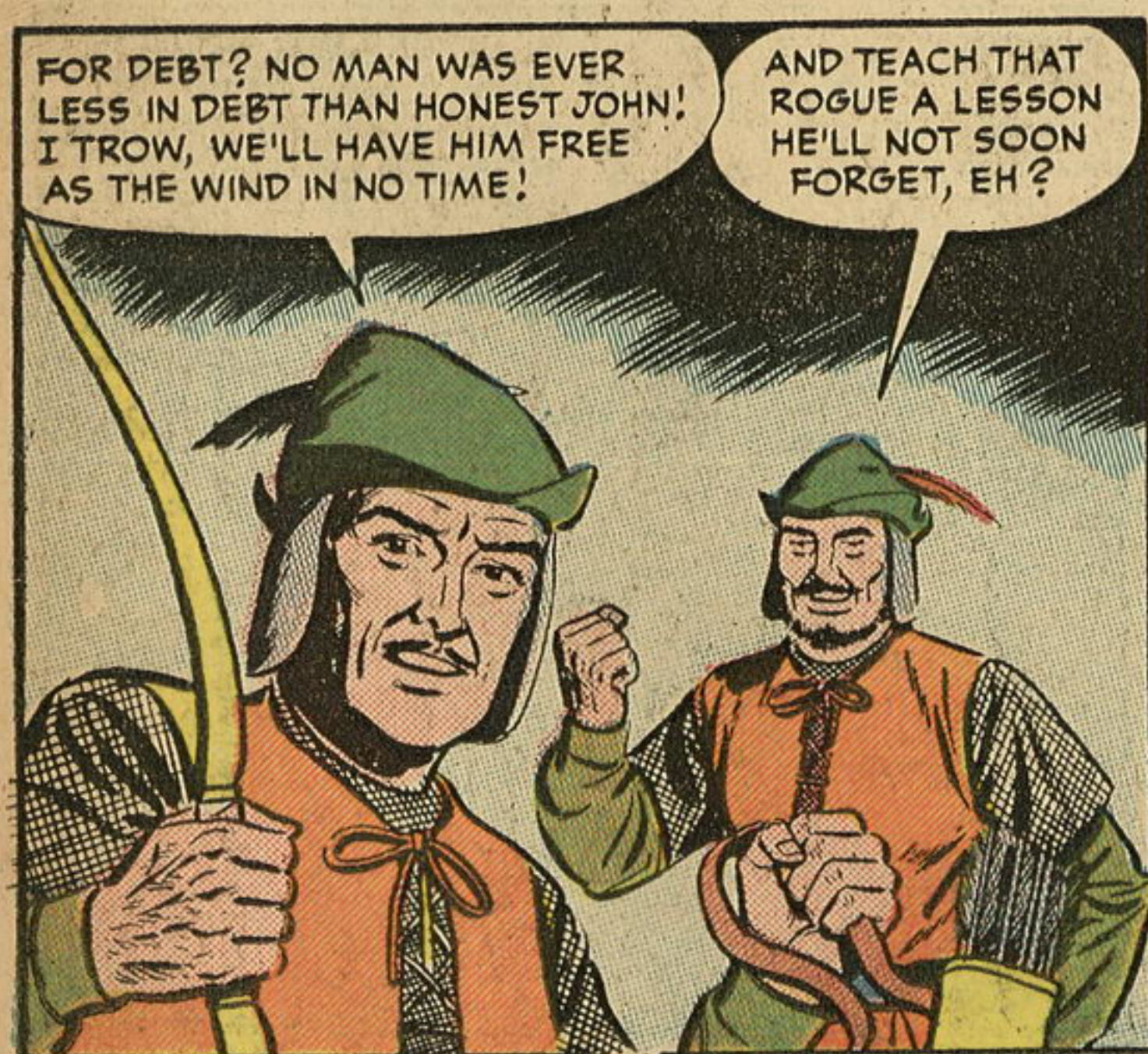
GO COLLECT, SIR TAX COLLECTOR! IF HE WON'T PAY, WE'LL HELP YOU MOVE HIM TO SUCH A PALACE AS YOU DESCRIBE! HA-HA-HA!

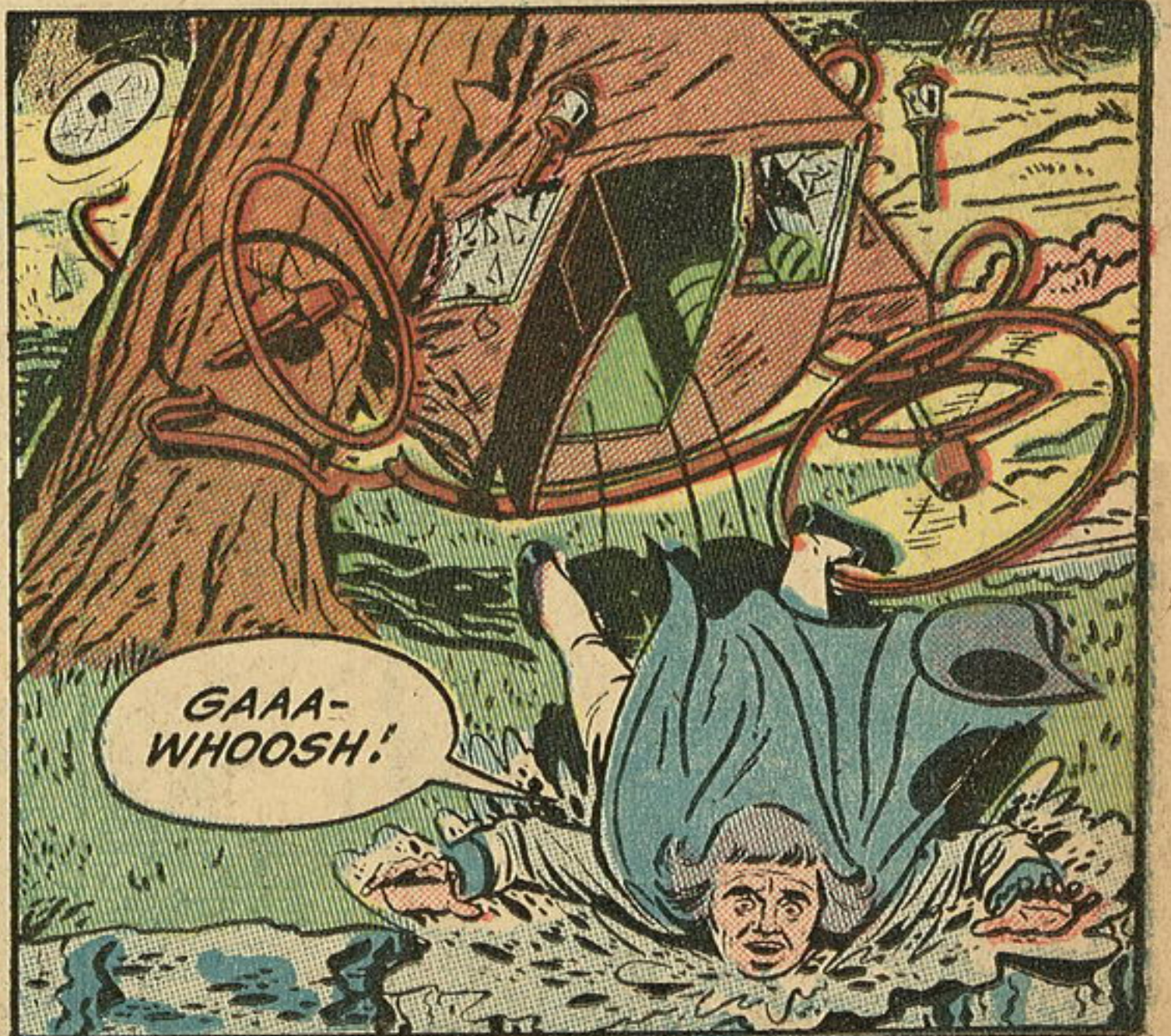
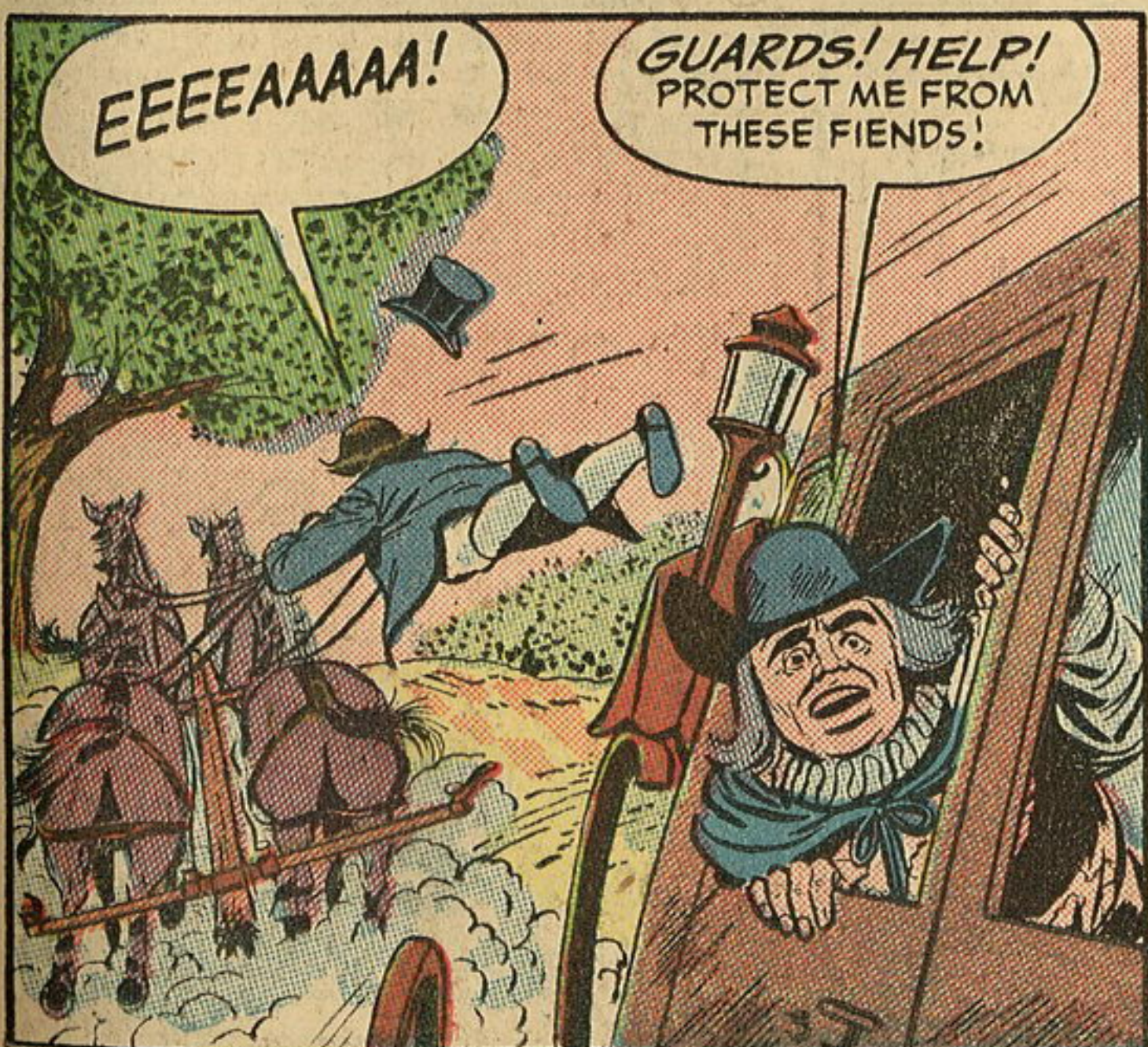
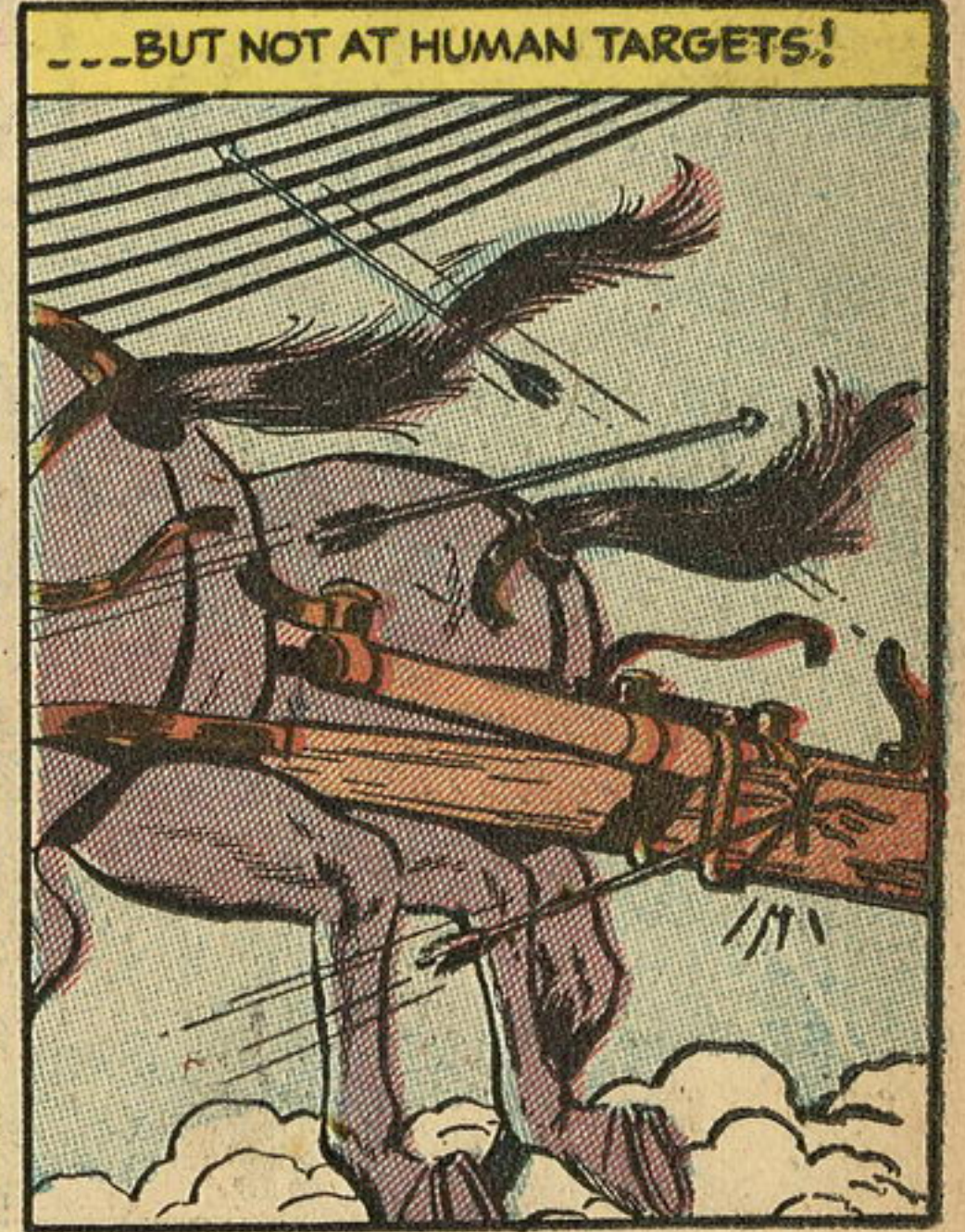
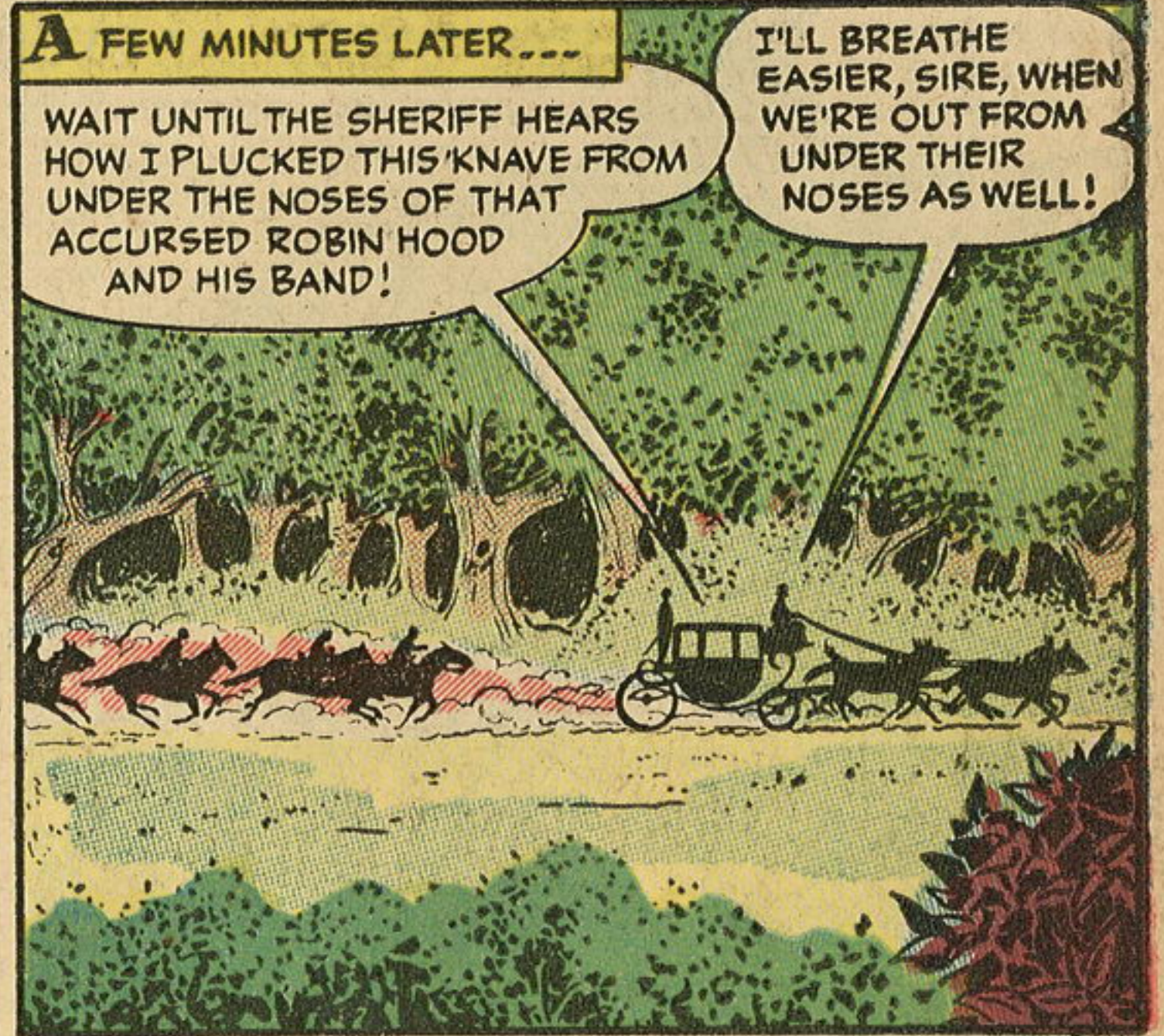
DIG DEEP, KNAVE! YOU OWE A HUNDRED SILVER PENNIES IN UNPAID TAX AND MILORD IS LOSING PATIENCE!

I...OWE? BUT I OWE NO MAN! I AM CALLED HONEST JOHN BECAUSE NEVER IN LIFE HAVE I LEFT A DEBT UNPAID! BUT LAST MONTH I PAID MY JUST TAX!

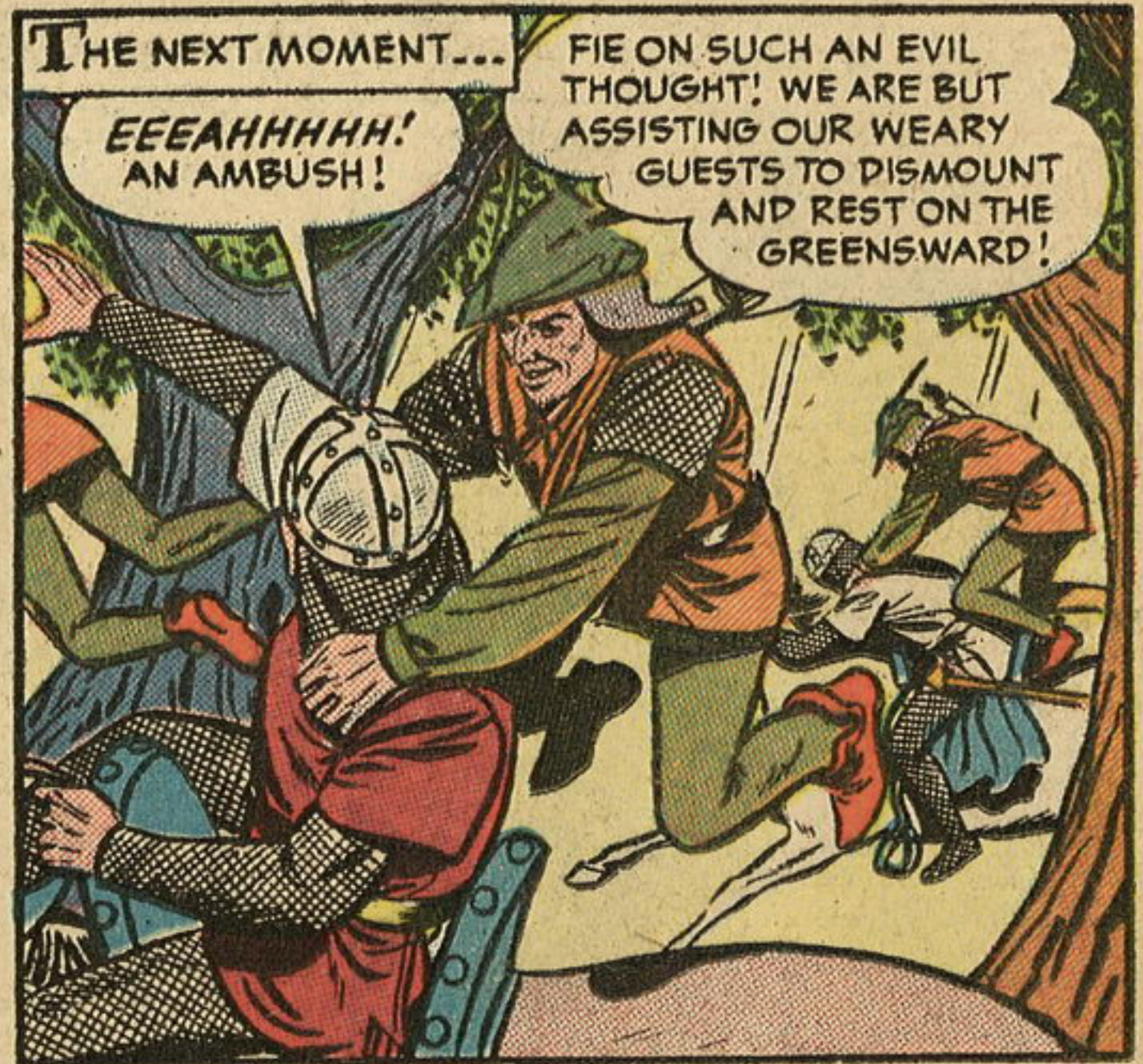
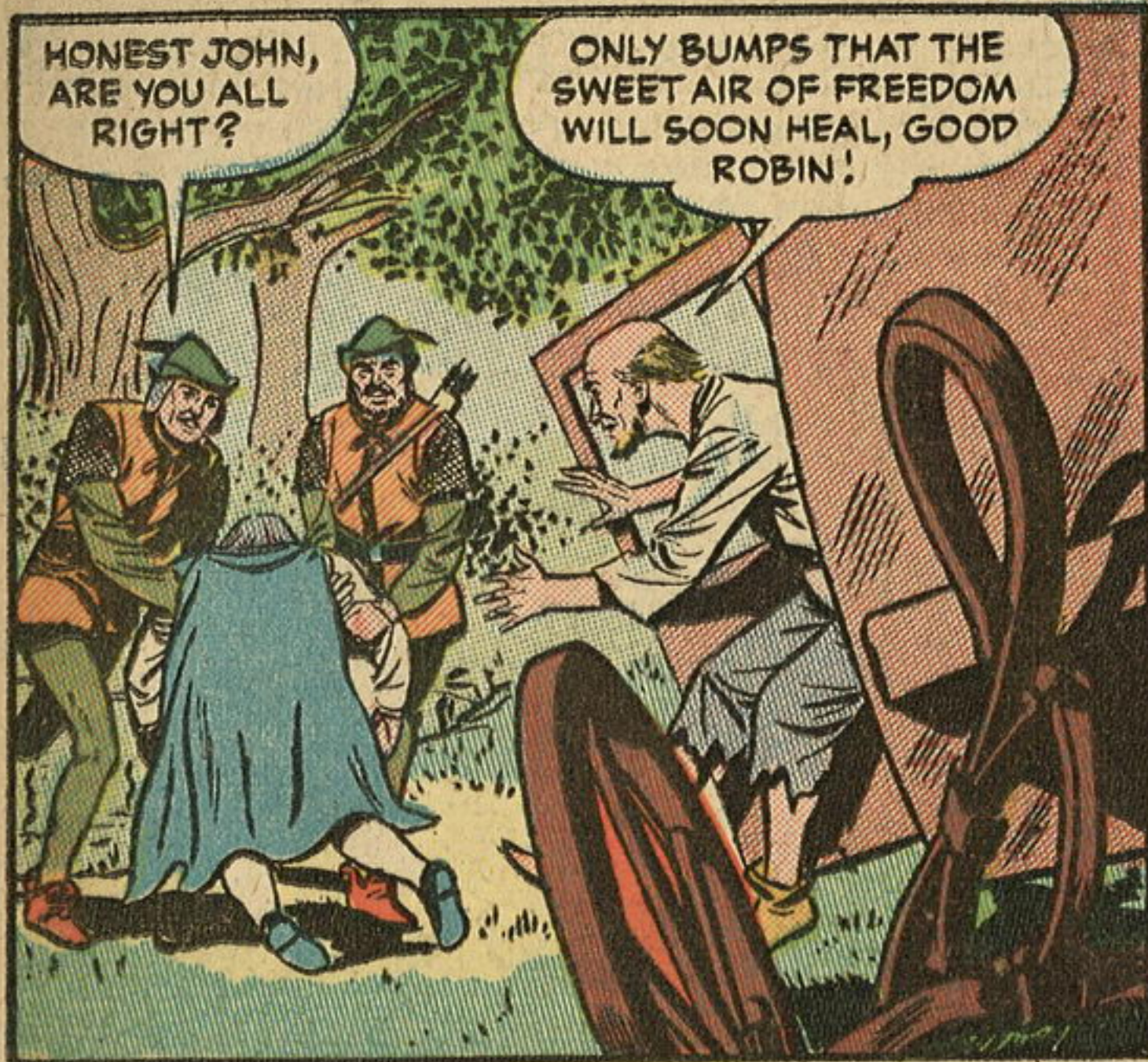


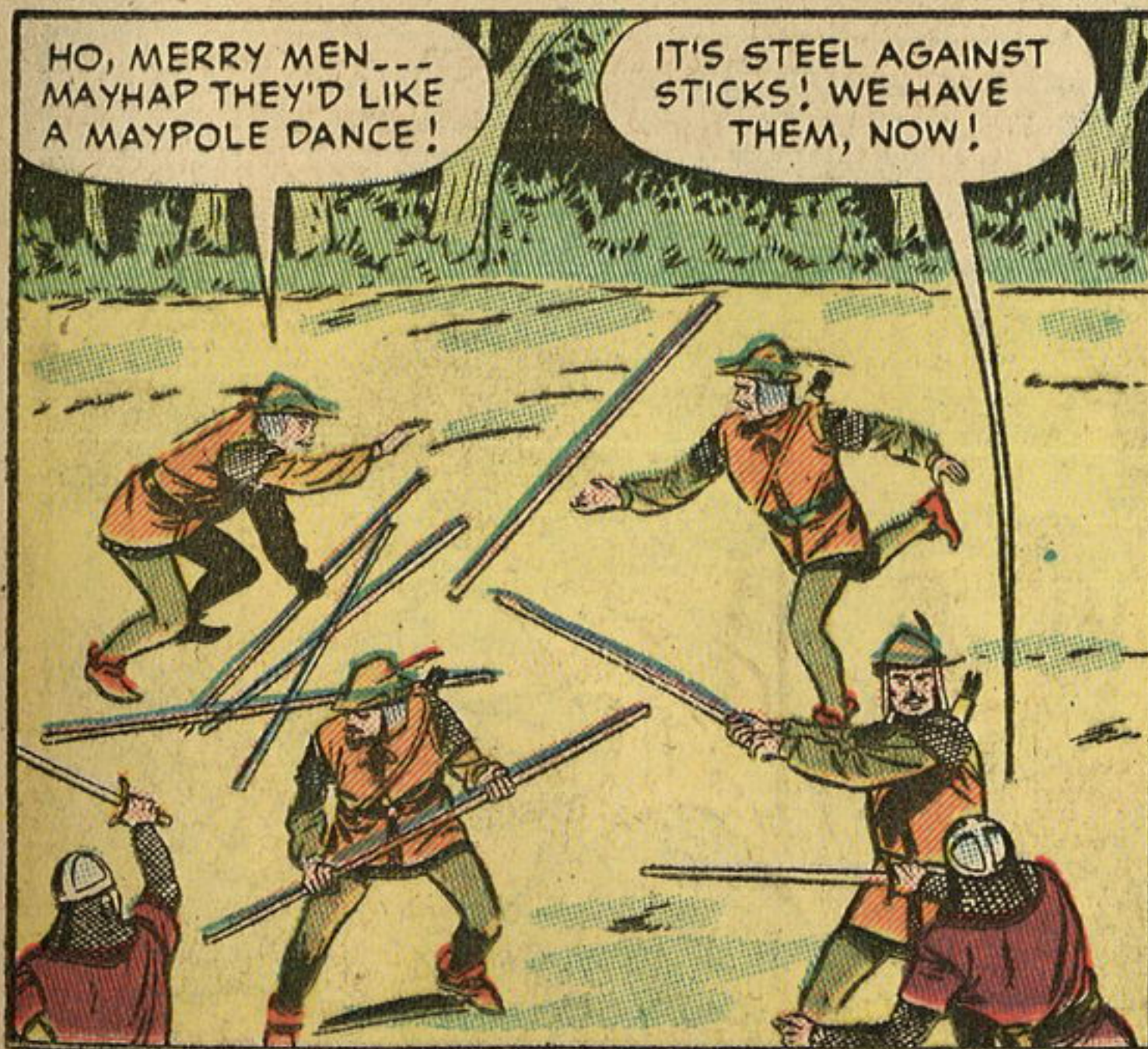
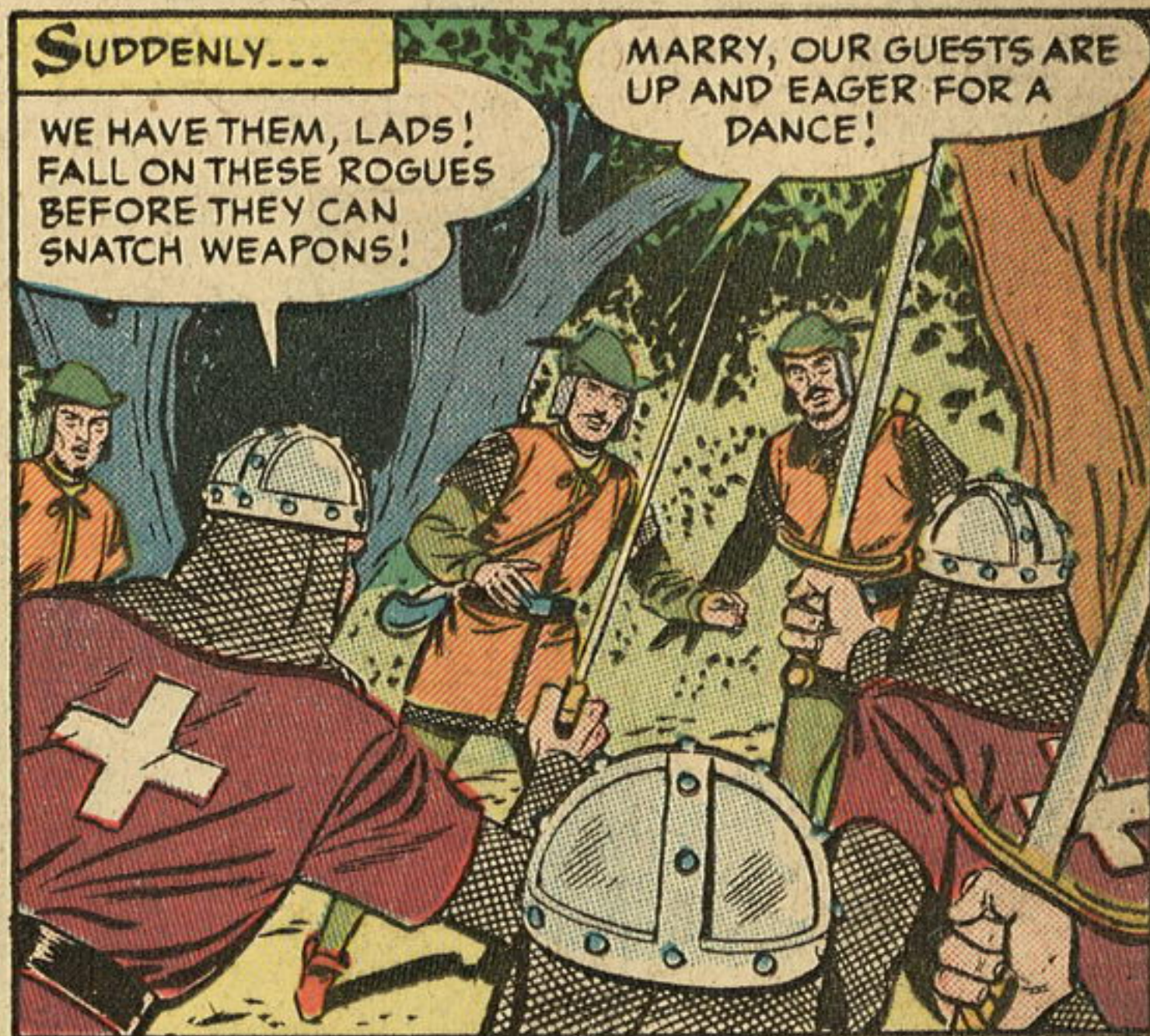
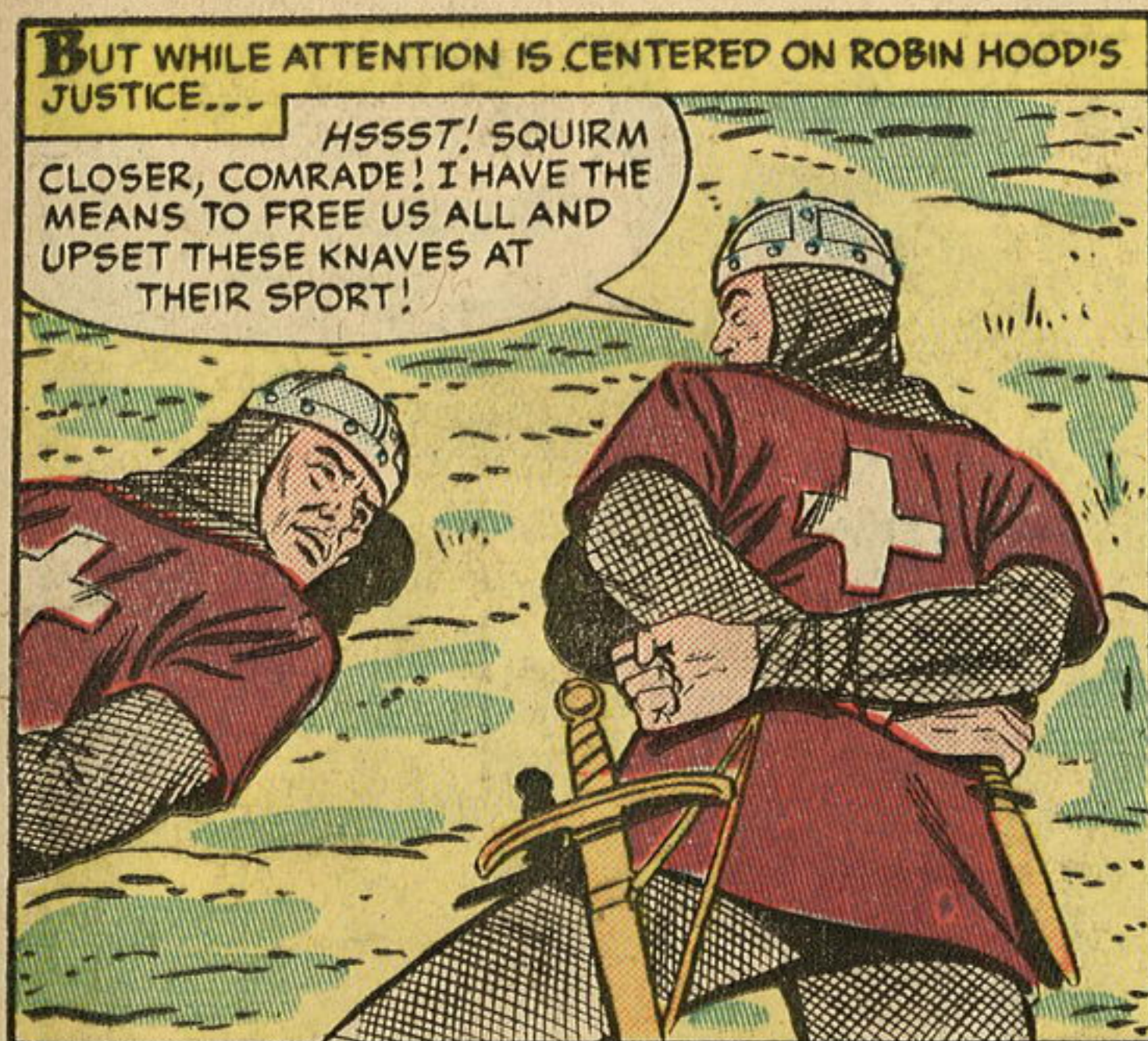
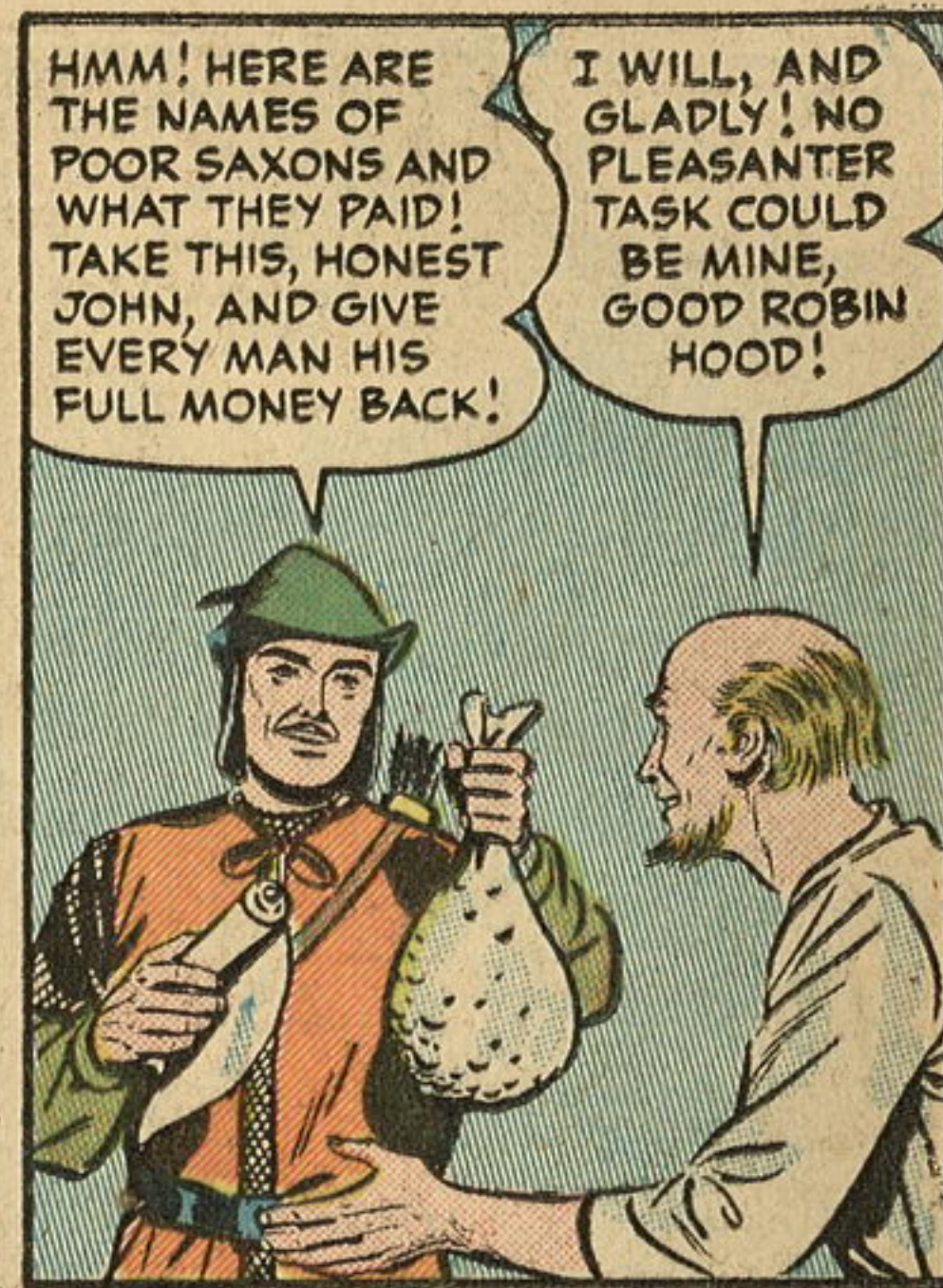
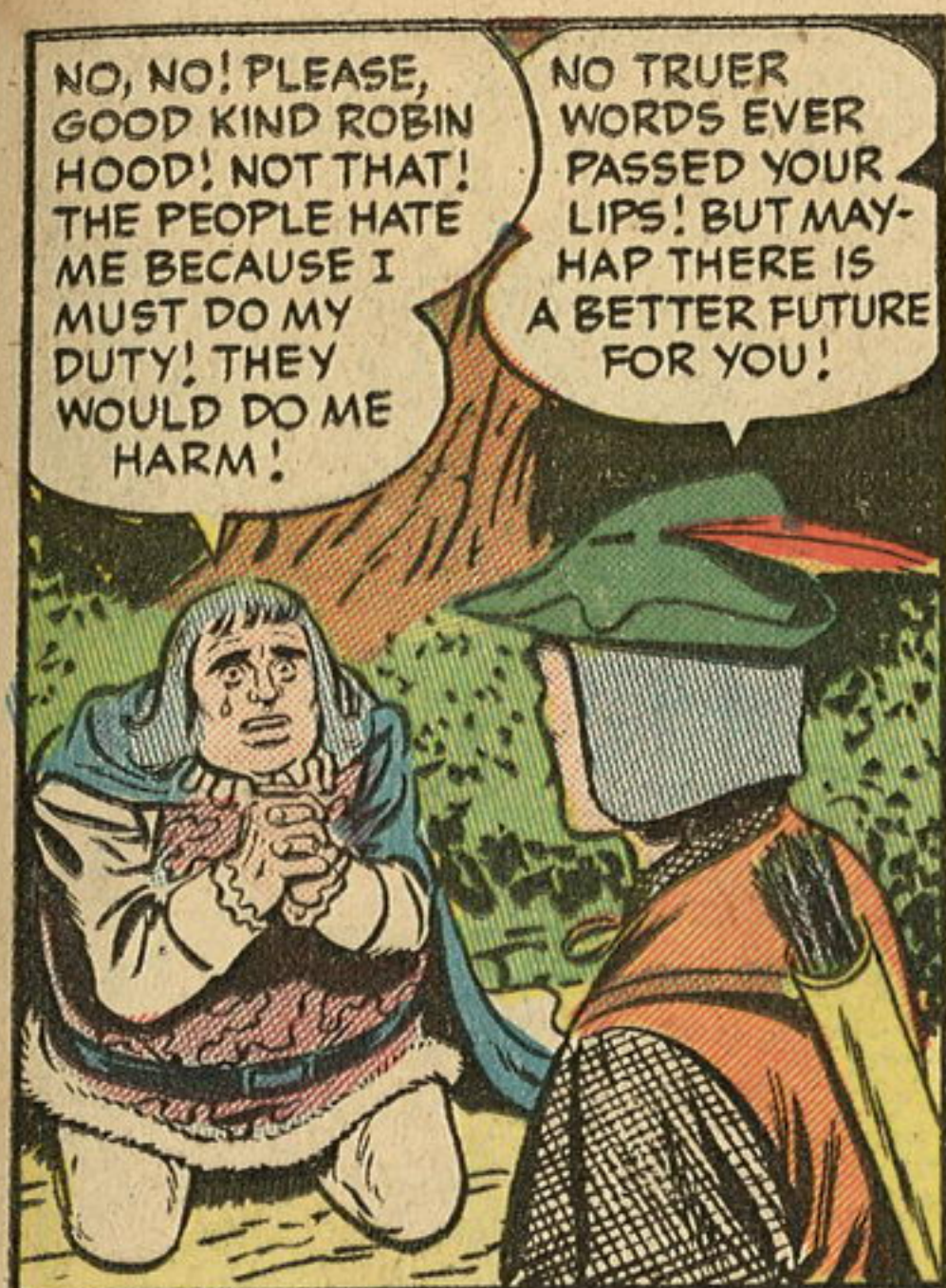
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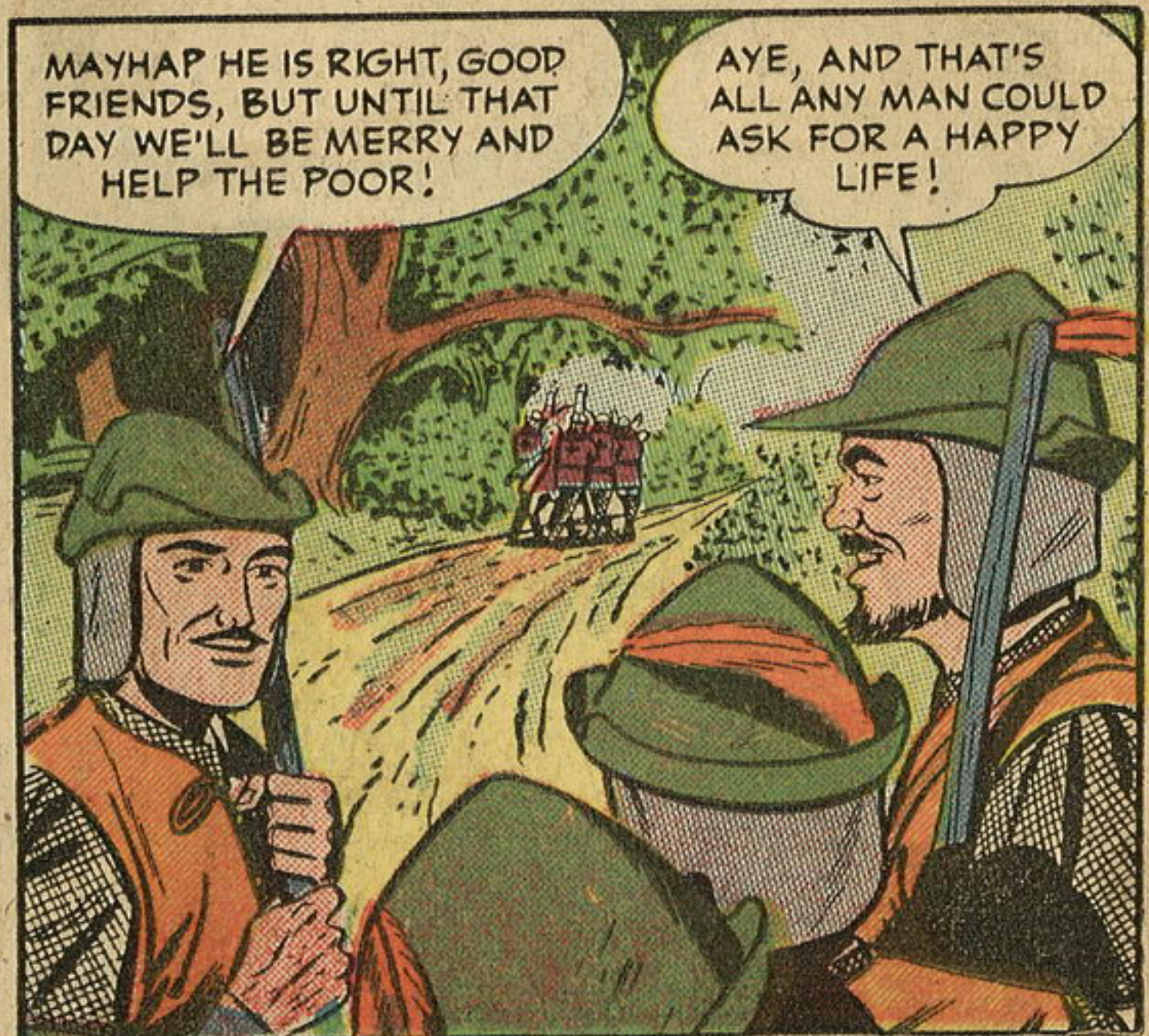
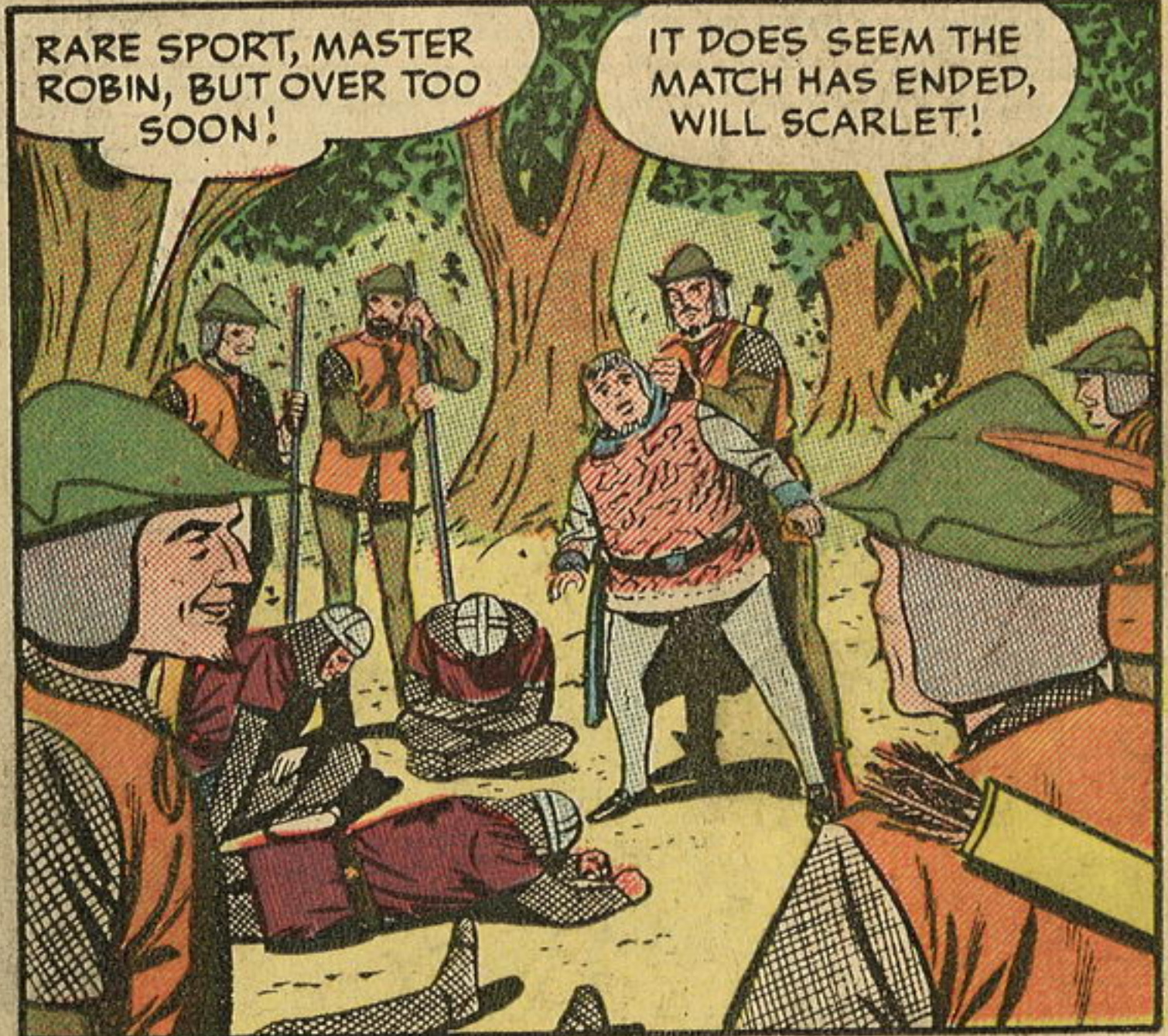
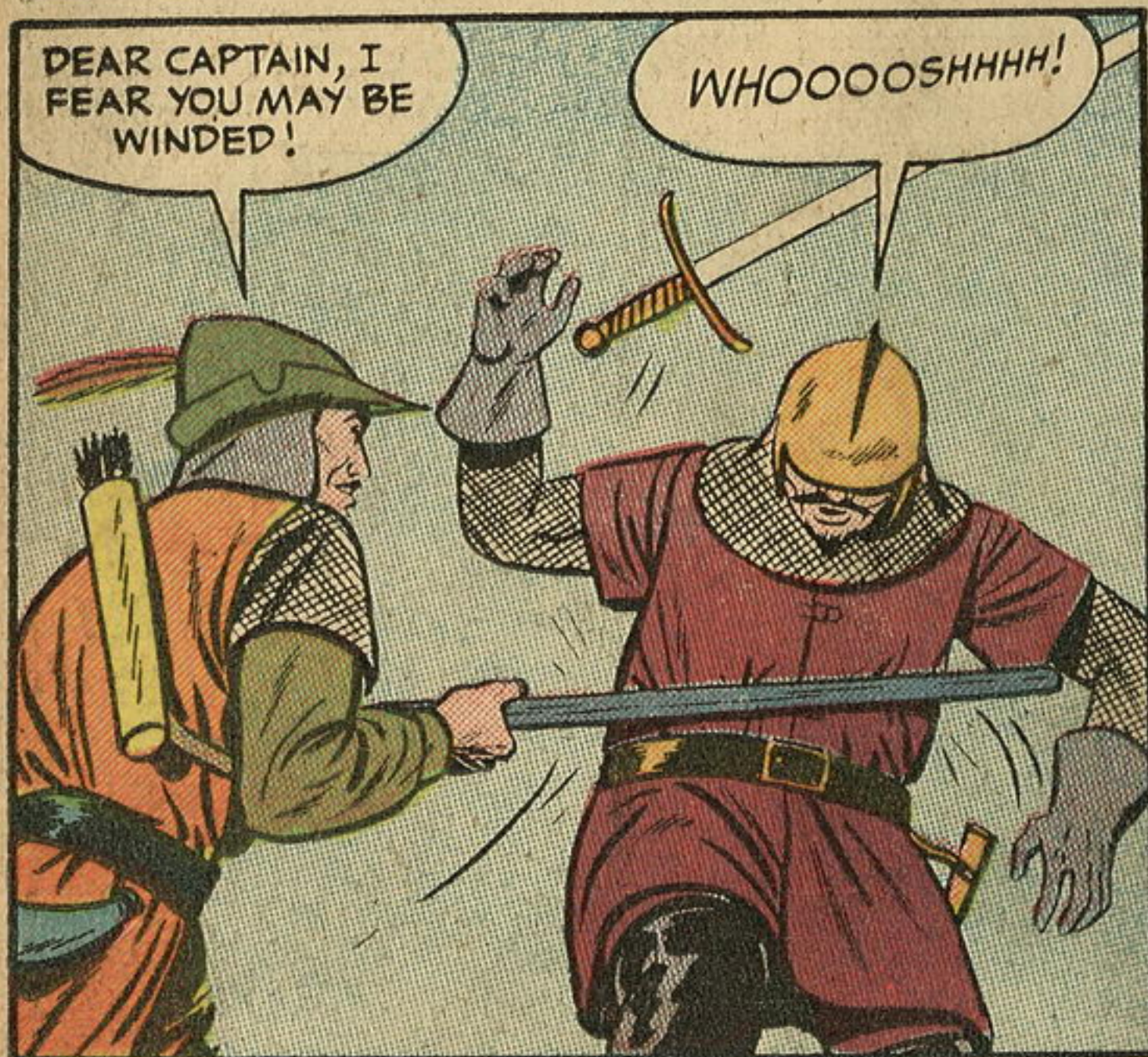


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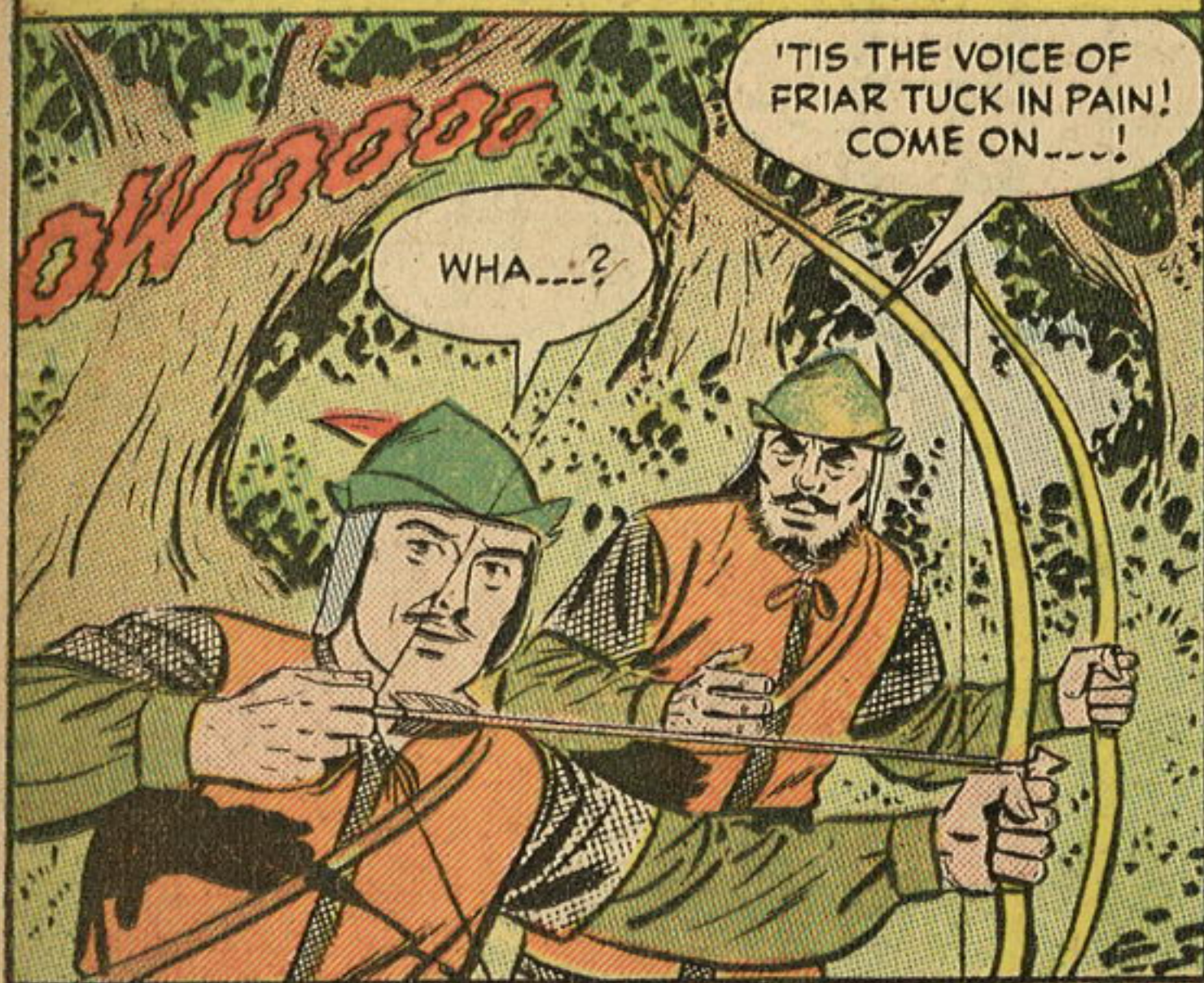
Robin Hood



INTO THE GOOD GREENWOOD OF SHERWOOD FOREST DRIFTED OMINOUS STORIES! IN A GREAT BLACK CASTLE ON THE FAR EDGE OF THE WOODS DWELT A KNIGHT WHOSE CRUEL OPPRESSIONS HELD HIS SERFS IN MISERY AND BONDAGE! HIS SENSE OF JUSTICE OUTRAGED, ROBIN HOOD TOOK A BAND OF HIS MERRY MEN AND SET OUT TO SMASH THE TYRANNY OF...

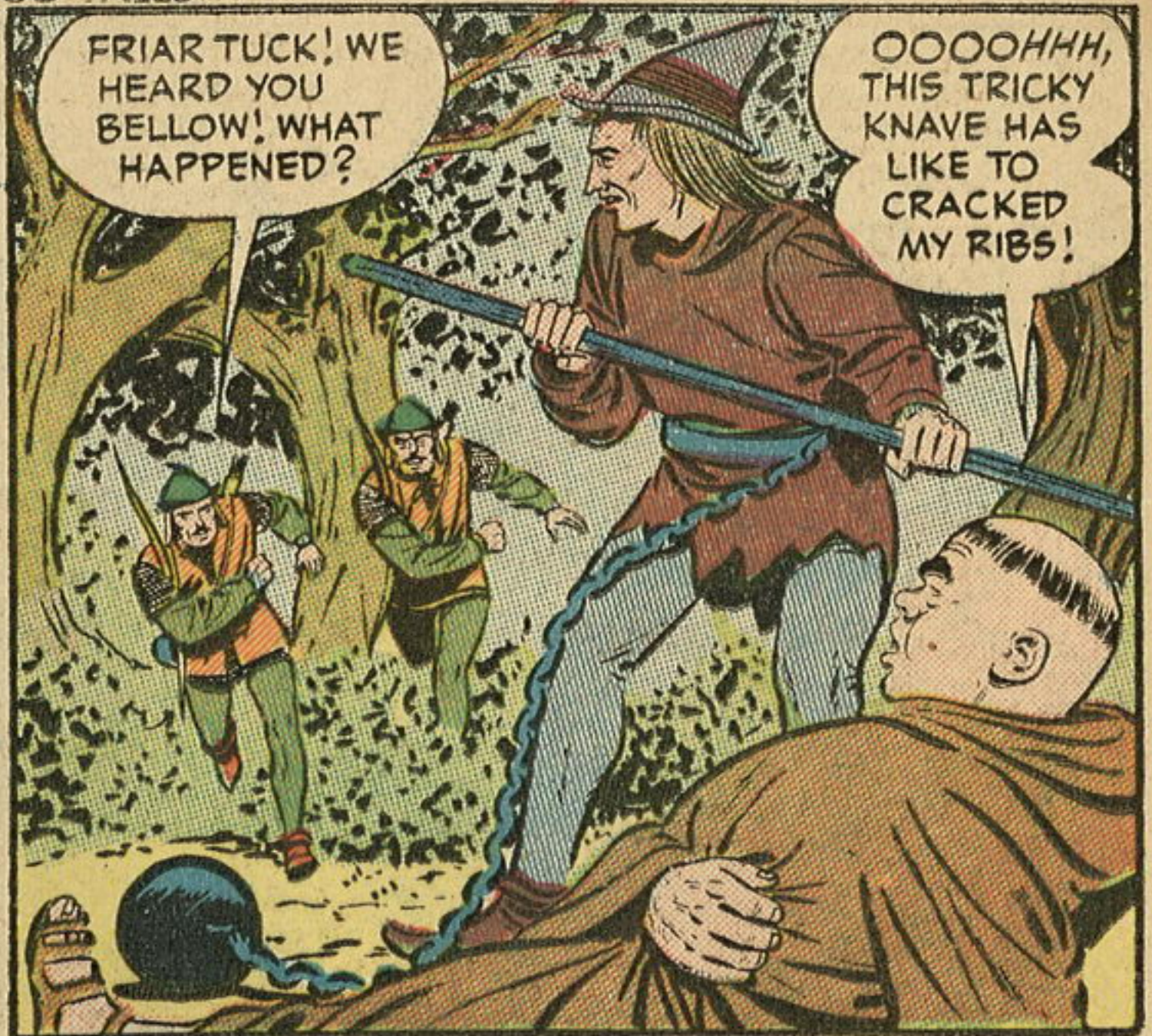
The BLACK KNIGHT of CASTLE FURY

ON A BEAUTIFUL SUNNY DAY, ROBIN HOOD AND LITTLE JOHN HAVE SET OUT TO HUNT WHEN SUDDENLY...



'TIS THE VOICE OF FRIAR TUCK IN PAIN! COME ON....!

WHA...?



FRIAR TUCK! WE HEARD YOU BELLOW! WHAT HAPPENED?

OOOOHHH, THIS TRICKY KNAVE HAS LIKE TO CRACKED MY RIBS!



I DID BUT DISPUTE THE ROAD FOR SPORT AND HE FETCHED ME SUCH A CLAP IN THE GUSSET I'VE NEITHER BREATH NOR FIGHT LEFT!

OH-HO! I'LL TEACH YON VILLAIN TO ABUSE OUR GOOD FRIAR!



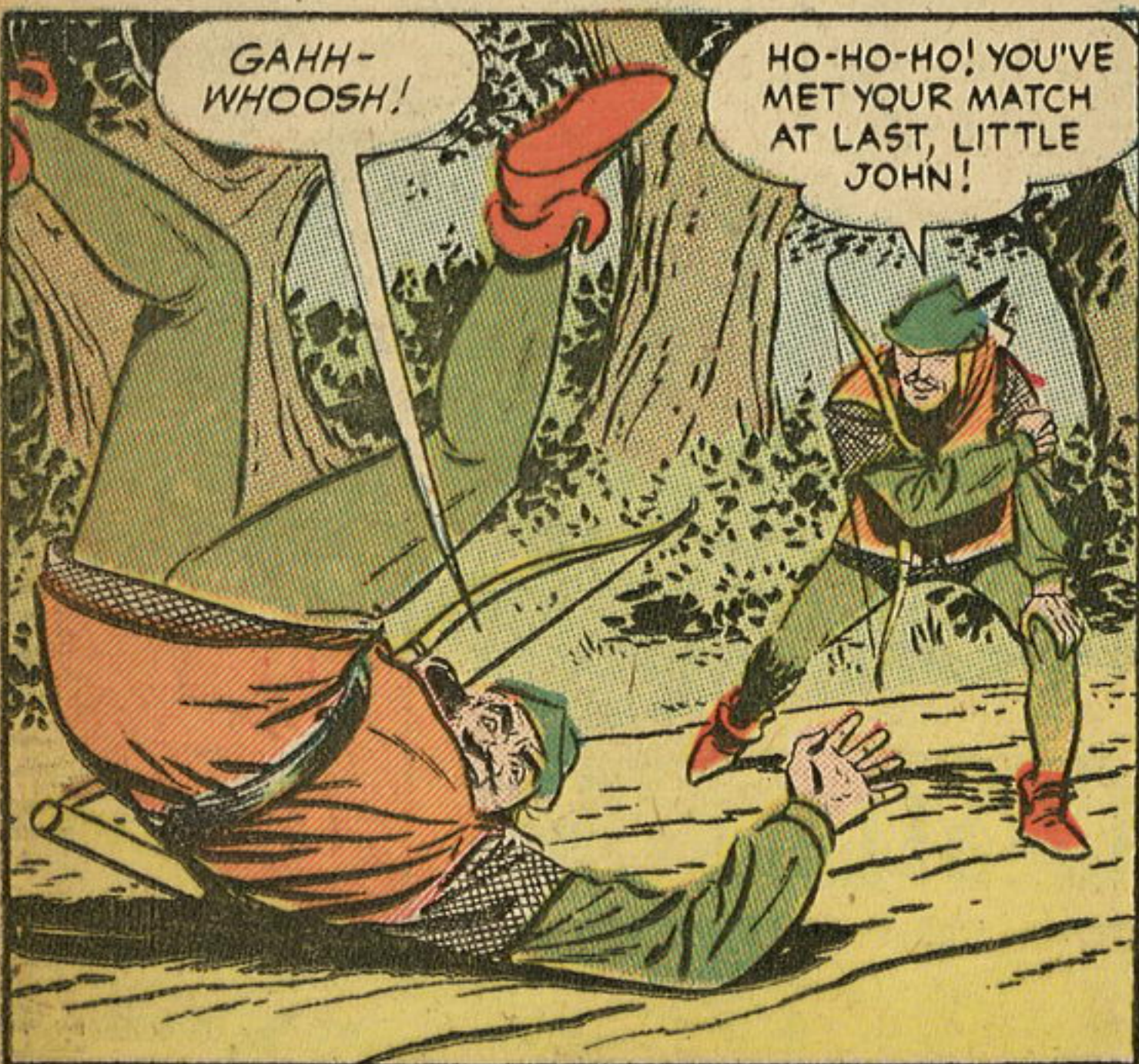
I'LL SQUEEZE THE STUFFING FROM THIS... **AWRRK!**

YOU'LL LAY NO HAND ON ME!



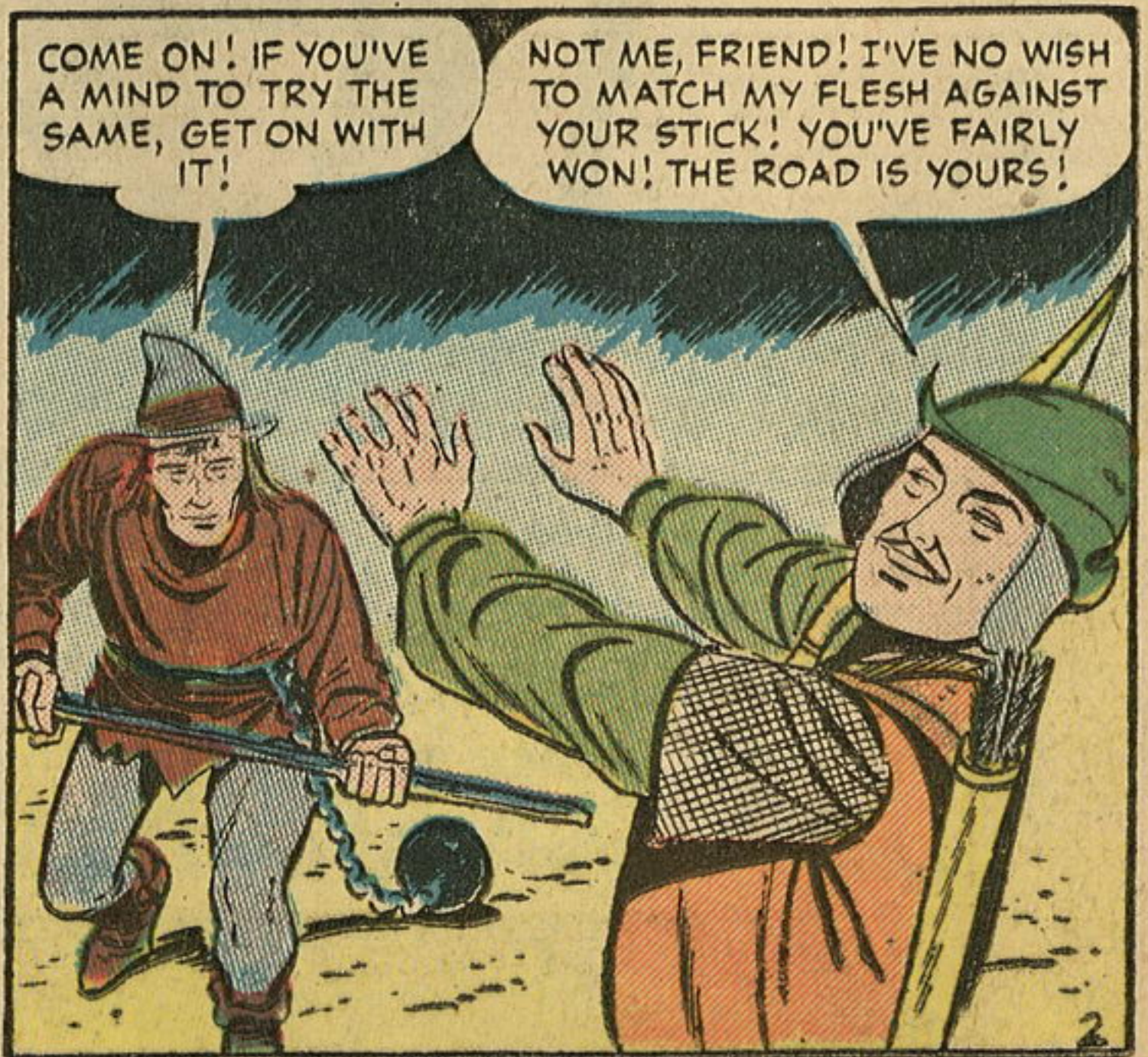
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ZOUNDS!



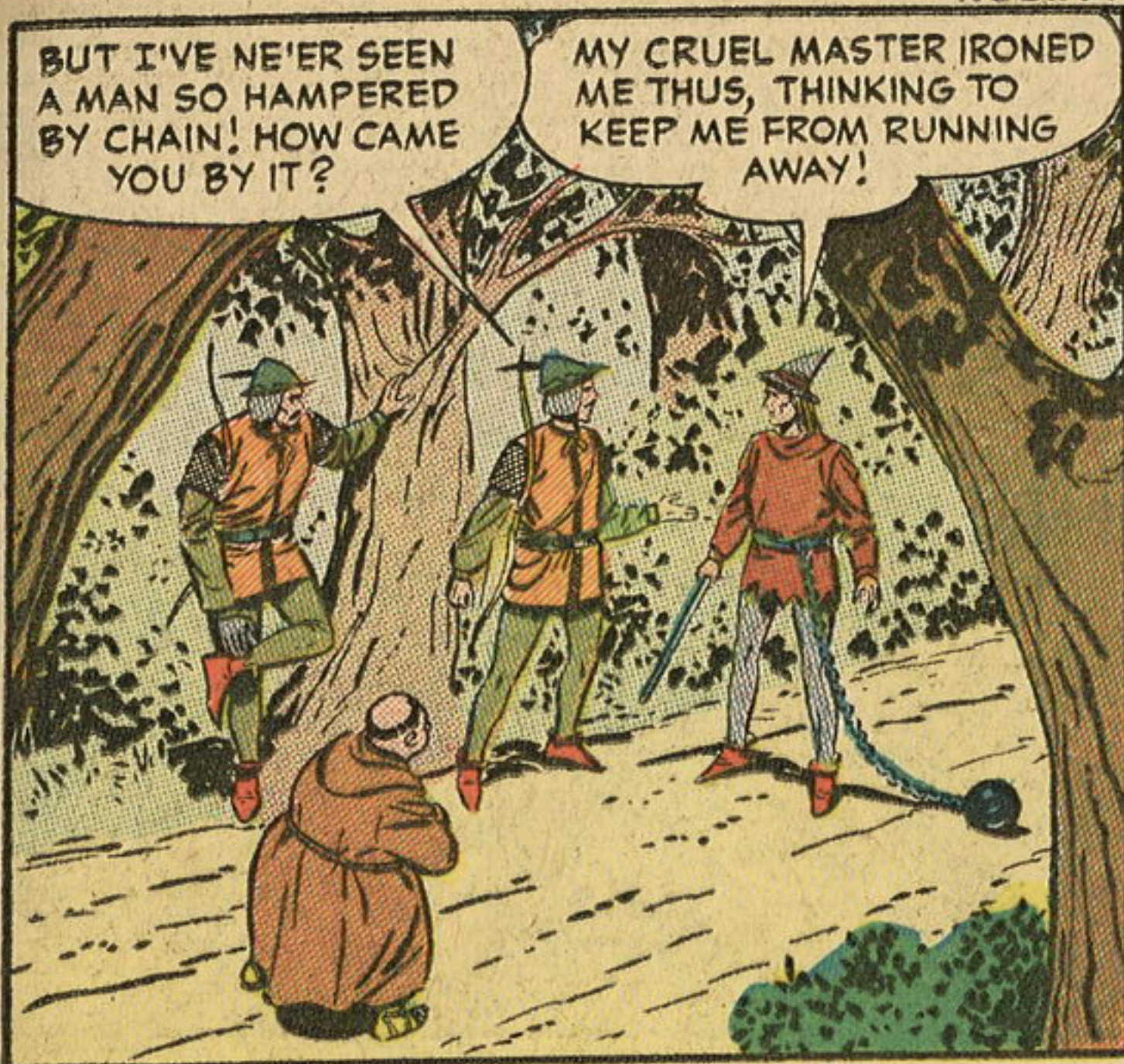
GAHH-WHOOSH!

HO-HO-HO! YOU'VE MET YOUR MATCH AT LAST, LITTLE JOHN!



COME ON! IF YOU'VE A MIND TO TRY THE SAME, GET ON WITH IT!

NOT ME, FRIEND! I'VE NO WISH TO MATCH MY FLESH AGAINST YOUR STICK! YOU'VE FAIRLY WON! THE ROAD IS YOURS!



BUT I'VE NE'ER SEEN A MAN SO HAMPERED BY CHAIN! HOW CAME YOU BY IT?

MY CRUEL MASTER IRONED ME THUS, THINKING TO KEEP ME FROM RUNNING AWAY!



I HAVE LUGGED MY SHACKLE MANY LEAGUES IN SEARCH OF ONE CALLED ROBIN HOOD WHOM THEY DO SAY IS A FRIEND OF THE OPPRESSED!

THEN LUG NO MORE, FOR I AM ROBIN HOOD...AND YOU'VE JUST MADE TWO OF MY MERRY MEN UNMERRY!



OH, FORGIVE ME, MASTER! I'D NOT HAVE STRUCK HAD I KNOWN!

UP FRIEND! YOU BUT DEFENDED YOURSELF AS A BRAVE MAN MUST! FOR STARTING THIS, FRIAR TUCK MAY LUG YOUR BURDEN TO OUR CAMP!



HEED NOT OUR JOLLY FRIAR, BUT SPEAK THY TALE!

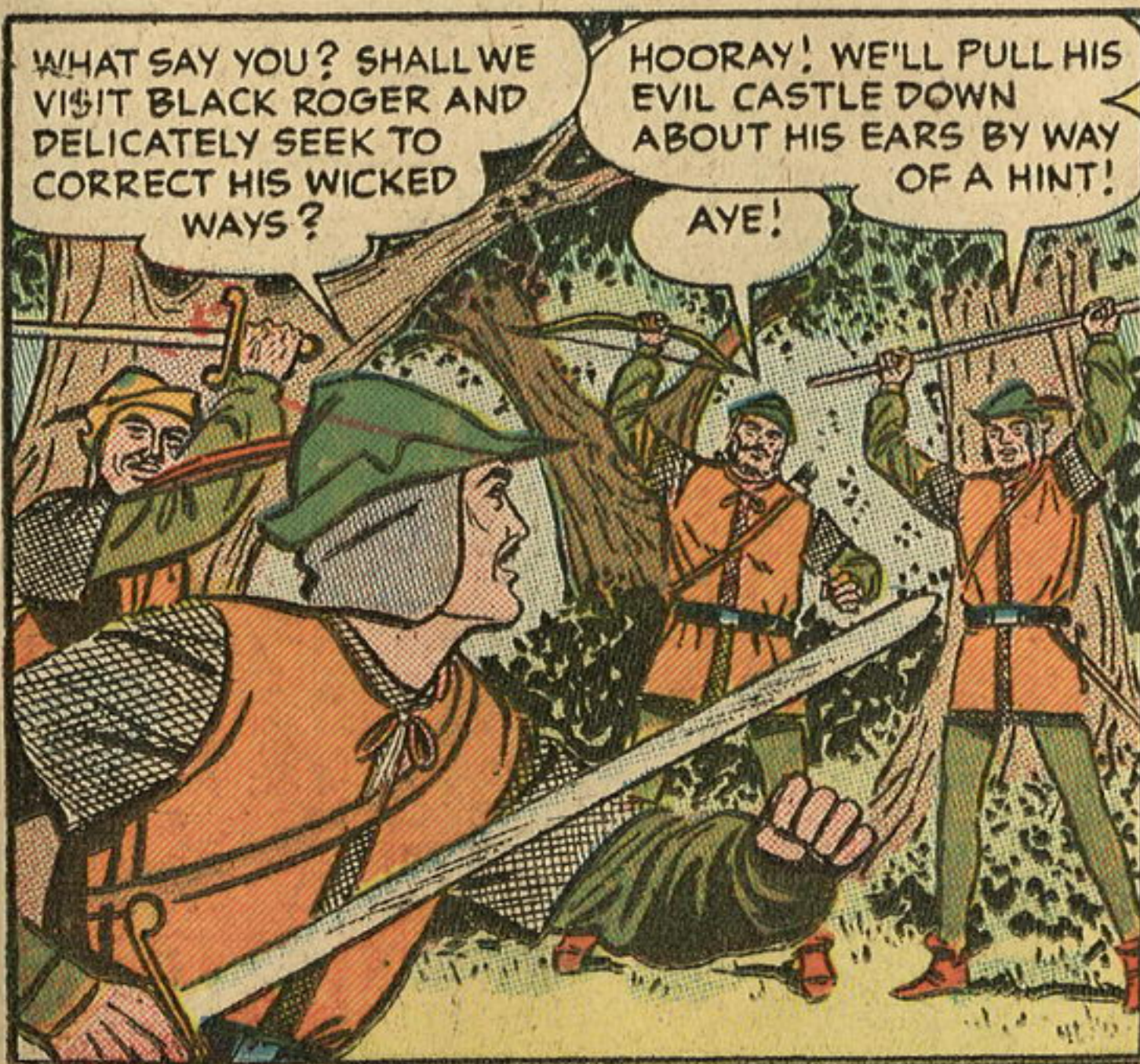
MY MASTER IS BLACK ROGER OF CASTLE FURY, WHO KEEPS HIS SERFS IN BONDAGE WITH DUNGEON AND GIBBET!

MUMBLE-GRUMBLE!



FREE! FREE AT LAST!

'TIS A FOUL DEED TO SHACKLE A HUMAN LIKE A BEAST OF THE FOREST! THE SIGHT FAIR MAKES MY BLOOD BOIL!



WHAT SAY YOU? SHALL WE VISIT BLACK ROGER AND DELICATELY SEEK TO CORRECT HIS WICKED WAYS?

HOORAY! WE'LL PULL HIS EVIL CASTLE DOWN ABOUT HIS EARS BY WAY OF A HINT!

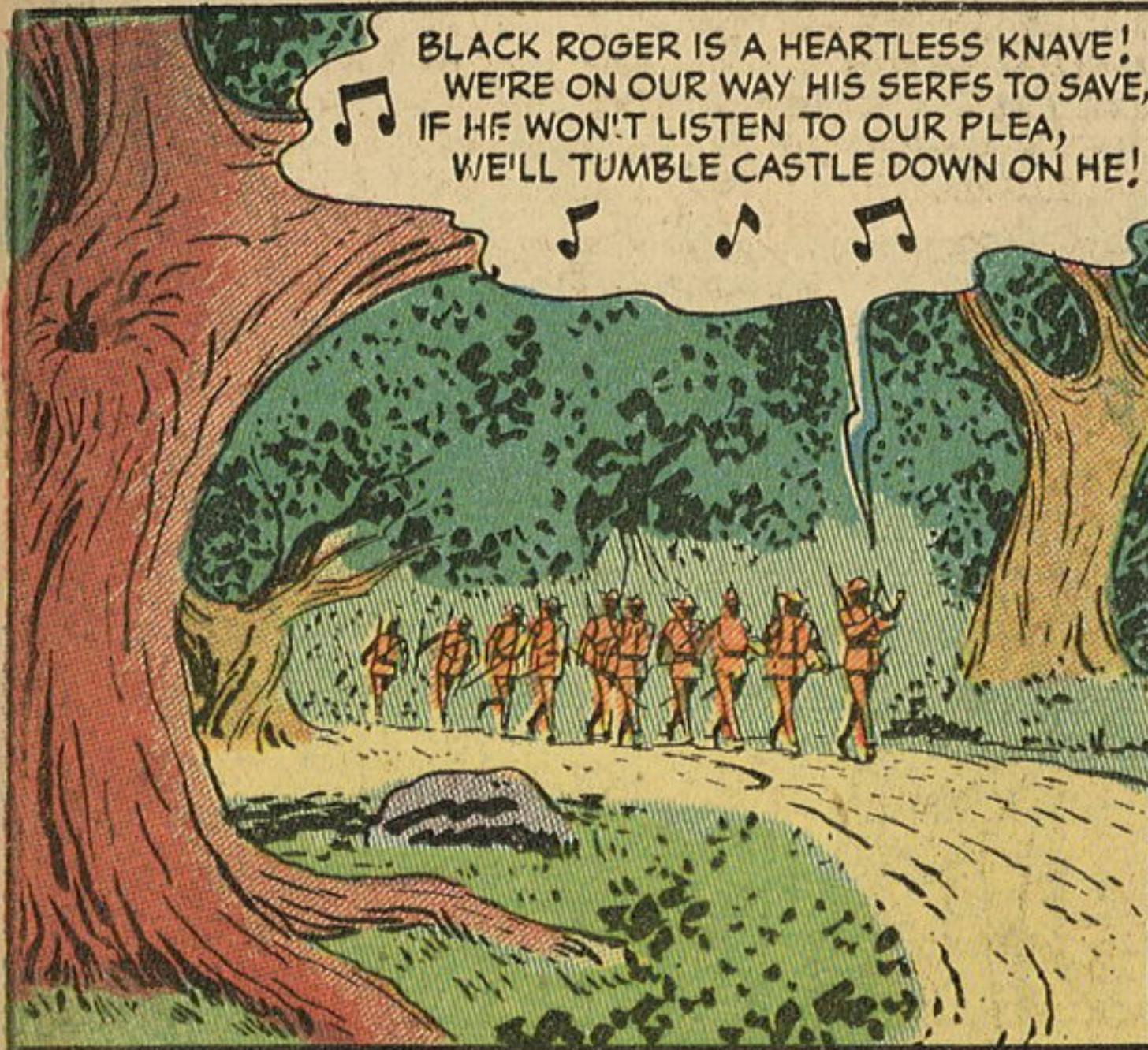
AYE!



THEN PREPARE TO MARCH! ALLAN A DALE, HAVE YOU A SONG TO LEAD US?

THAT I HAVE, ROBIN HOOD...A SONG SPECIALLY COMPOSED FOR OUR MARCH TO CASTLE FURY...

ROBIN HOOD TALES

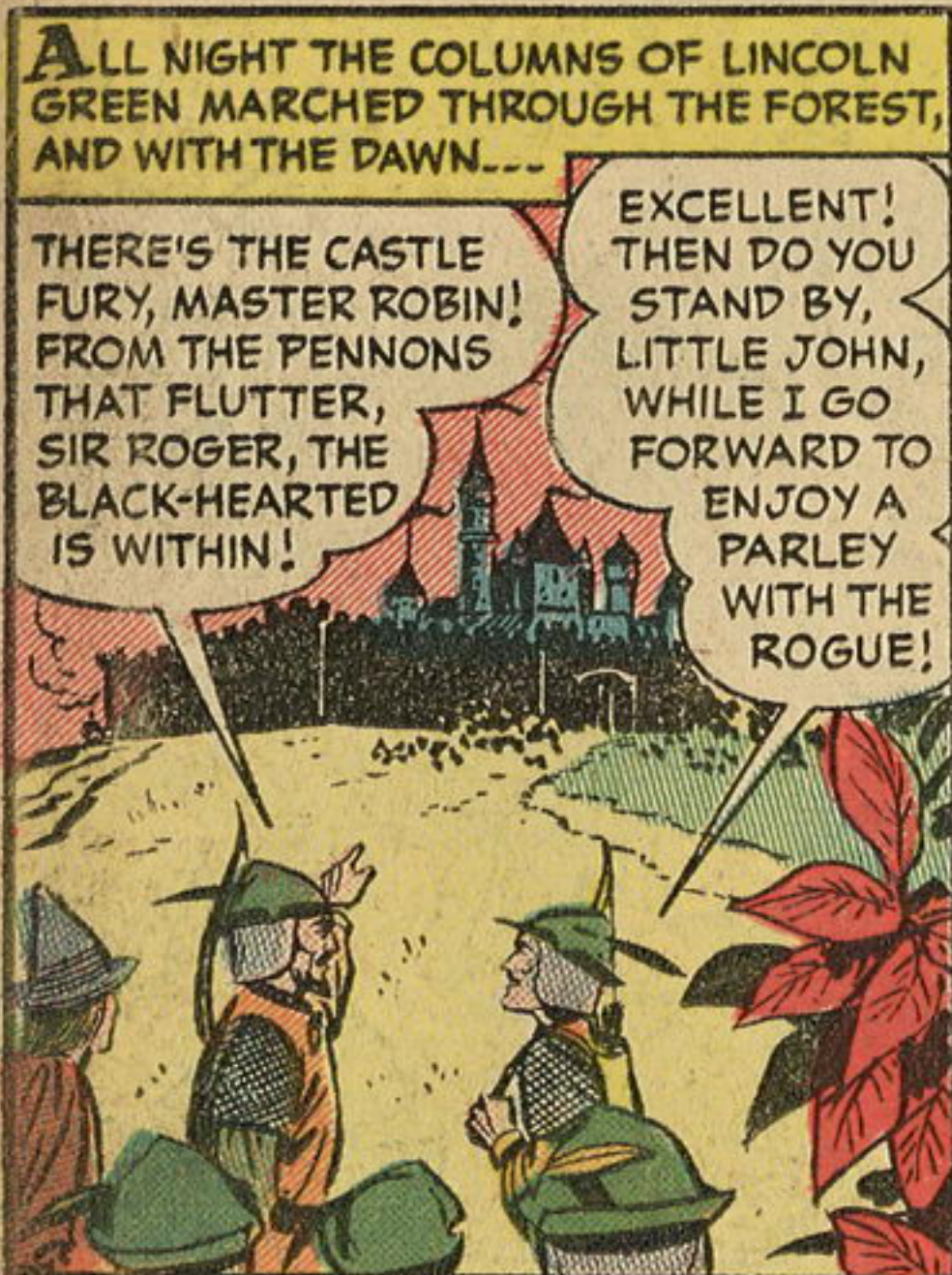


BLACK ROGER IS A HEARTLESS KNAVE!
WE'RE ON OUR WAY HIS SERFS TO SAVE,
IF HE WON'T LISTEN TO OUR PLEA,
WE'LL TUMBLE CASTLE DOWN ON HE!



I TROW, NO SWEETER MUSIC
WAS EVER COMPOSED BY A
BARD! 'TIS A FINE THING TO
HAVE A SWEET SINGER, E'EN
THOUGH HE BE NOT A
FIGHTER!

ALLAN NOT A FIGHTER?
MARRY, YOU'LL FIND NO
SWIFTER HAND WI'
SWORD AND BUCKLER,
NOR KEENER EYE WITH
THE GOOSE-SHAFT!



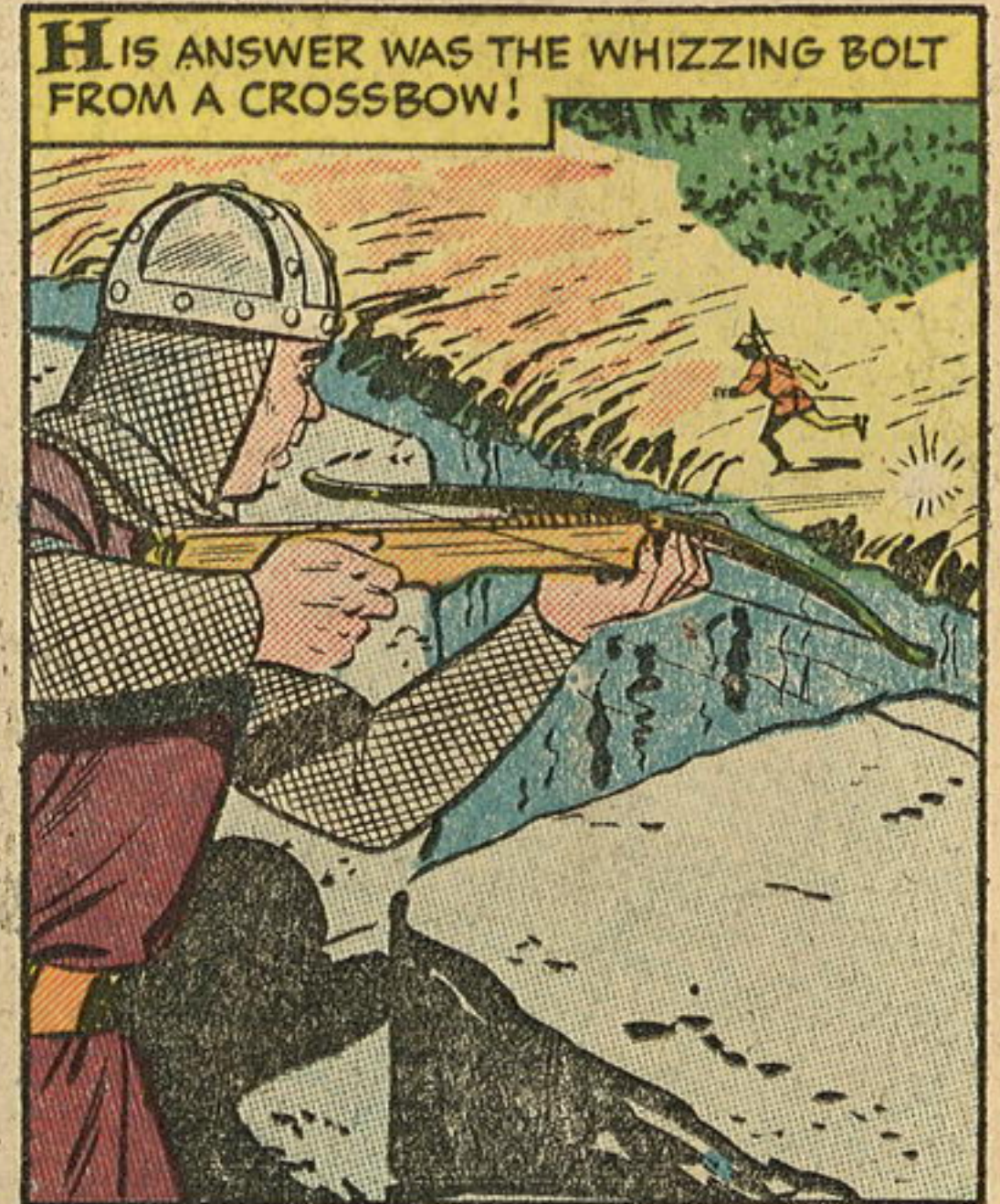
ALL NIGHT THE COLUMNS OF LINCOLN
GREEN MARCHED THROUGH THE FOREST,
AND WITH THE DAWN---

THERE'S THE CASTLE
FURY, MASTER ROBIN!
FROM THE PENNONS
THAT FLUTTER,
SIR ROGER, THE
BLACK-HEARTED
IS WITHIN!

EXCELLENT!
THEN DO YOU
STAND BY,
LITTLE JOHN,
WHILE I GO
FORWARD TO
ENJOY A
PARLEY
WITH THE
ROGUE!



ALONE, ROBIN HOOD ADVANCED
TO THE CASTLE MOAT AND
SOUNDED HIS HORN---



HIS ANSWER WAS THE WHIZZING BOLT
FROM A CROSSBOW!



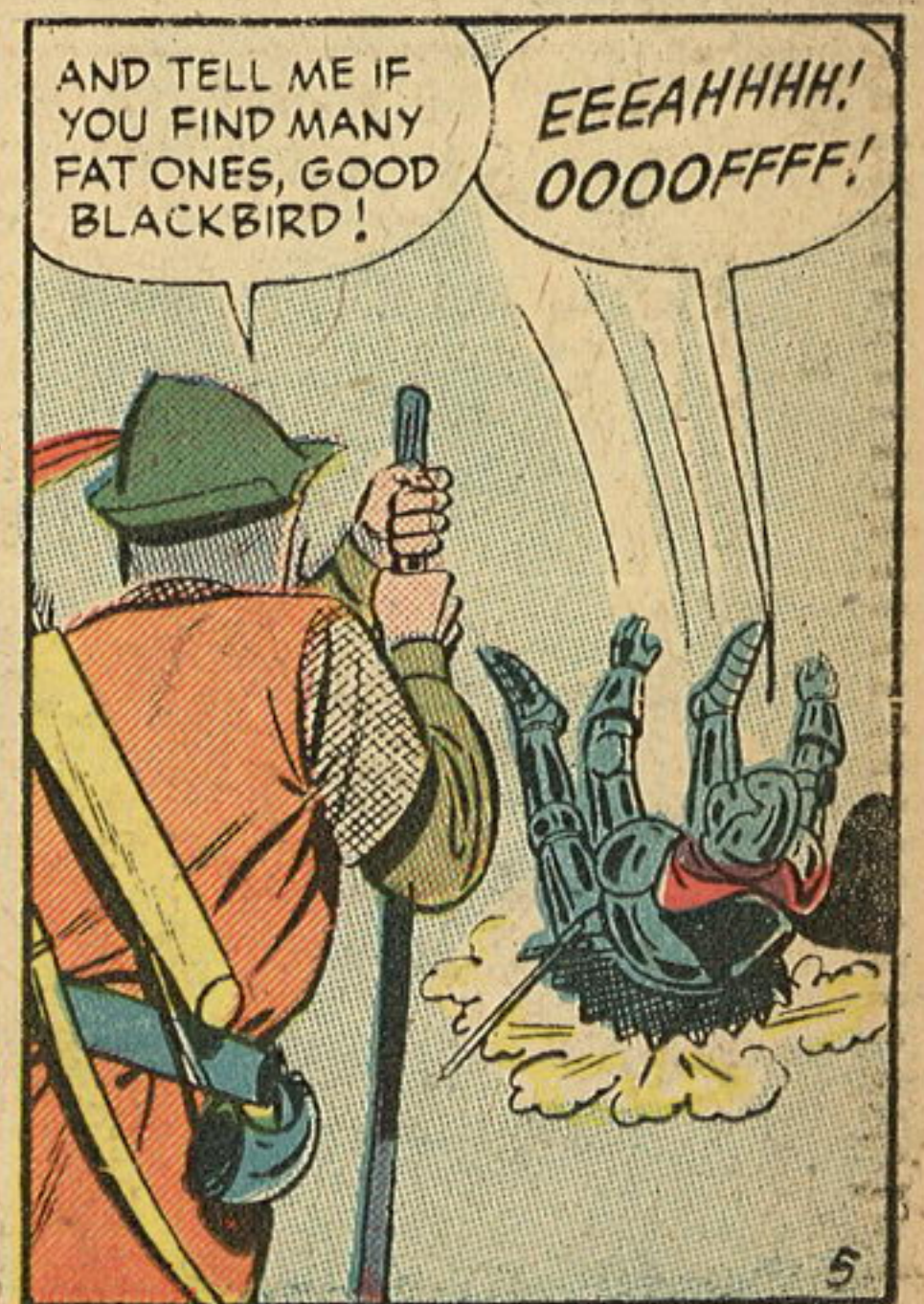
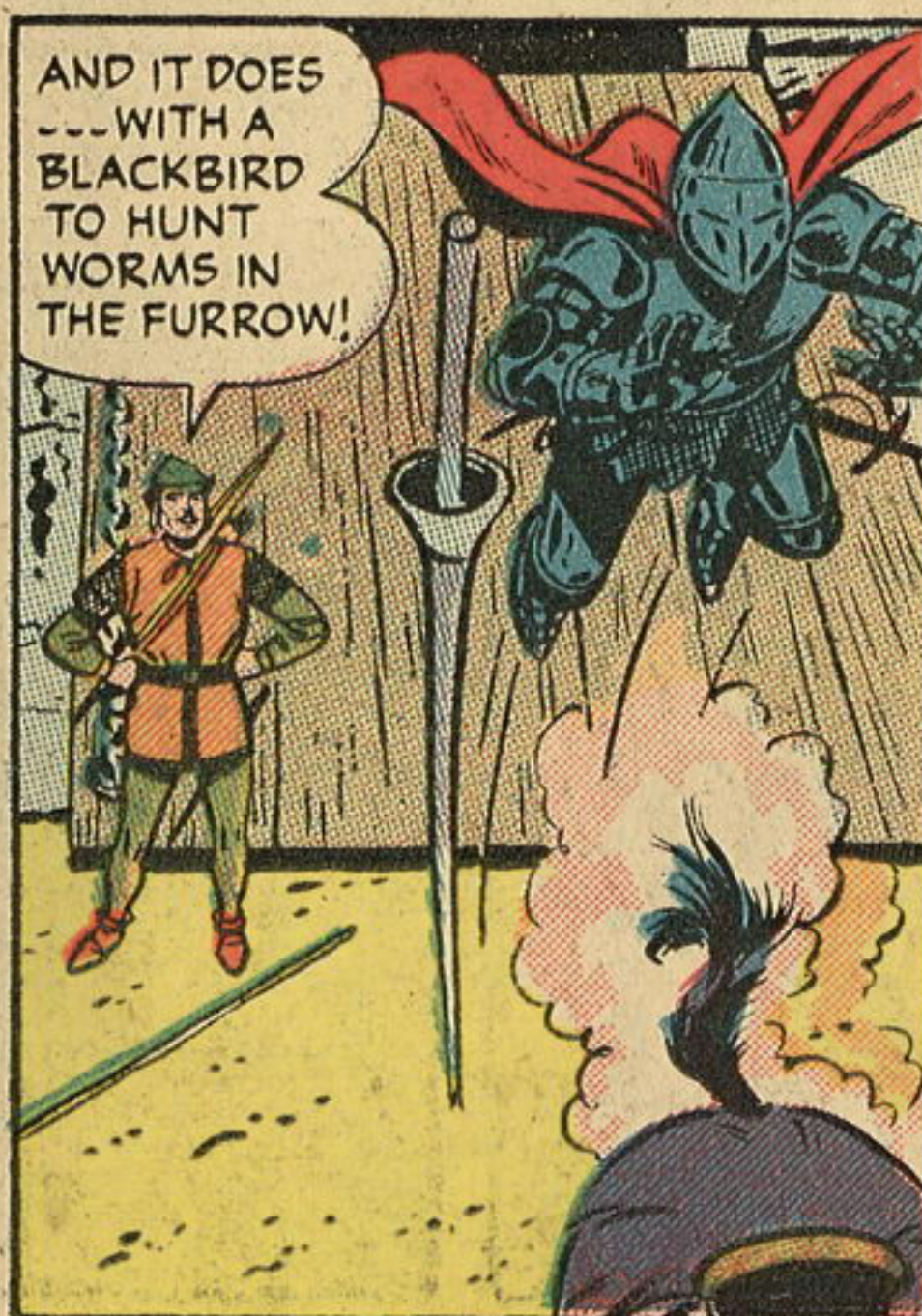
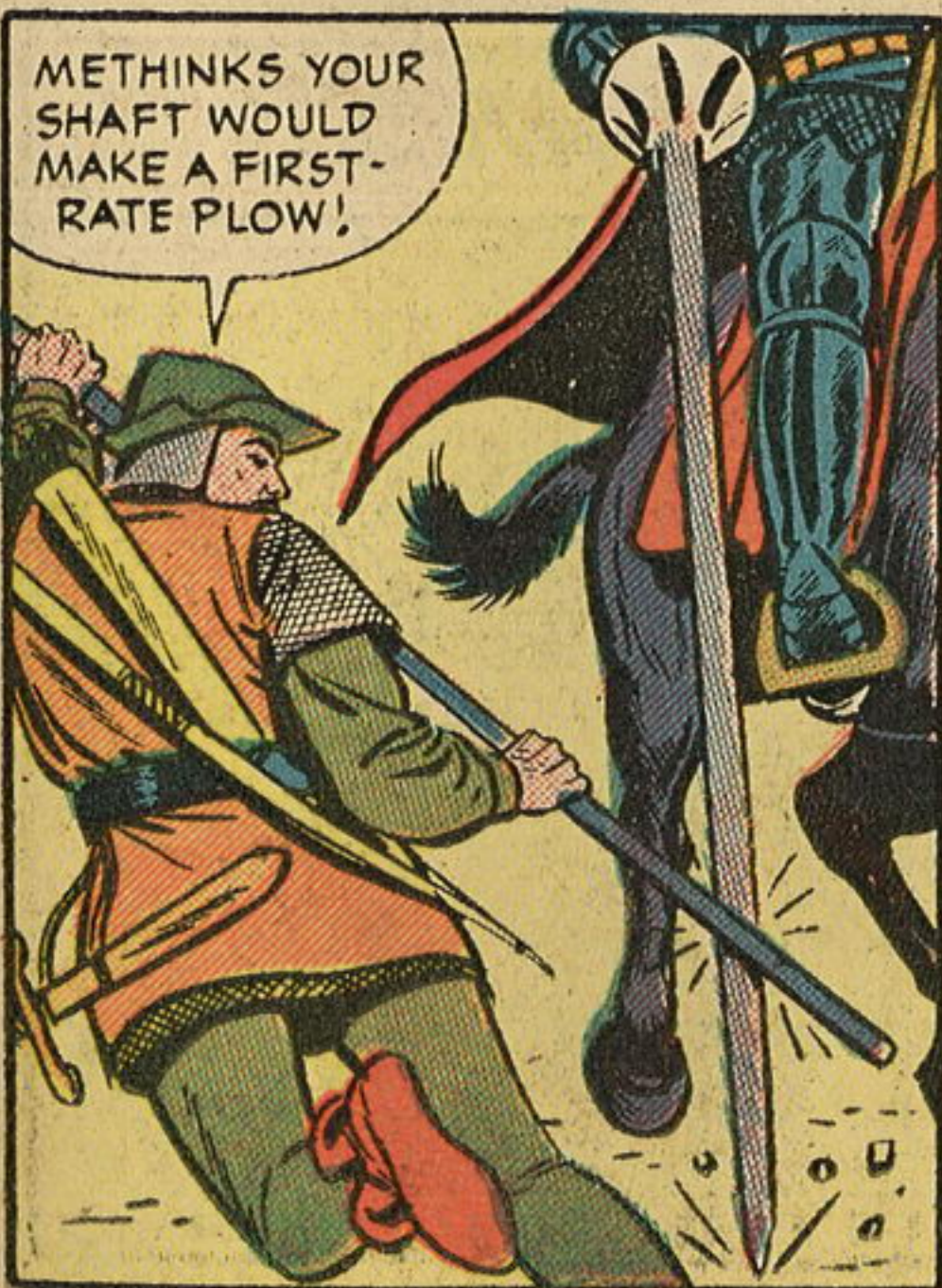
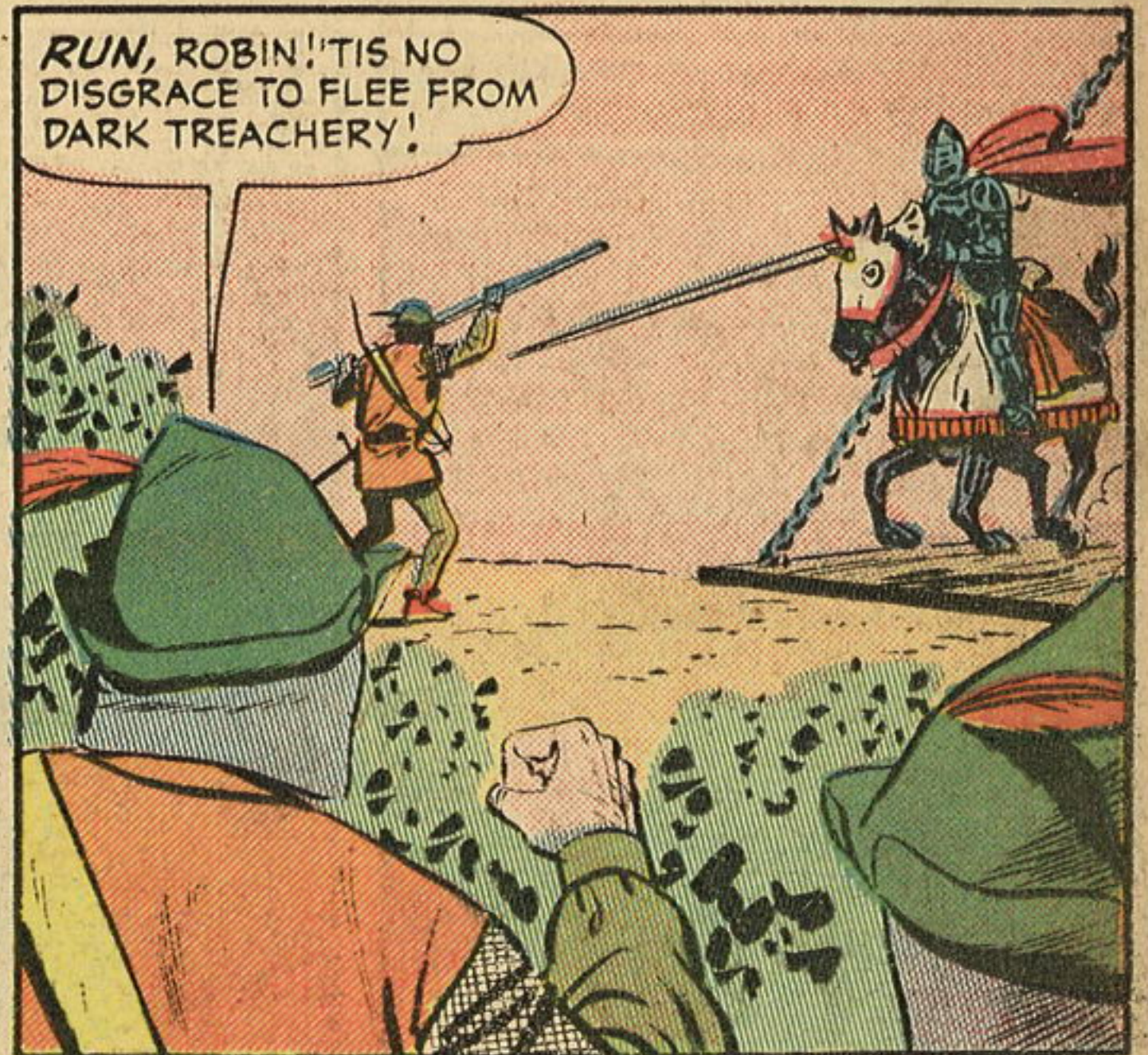
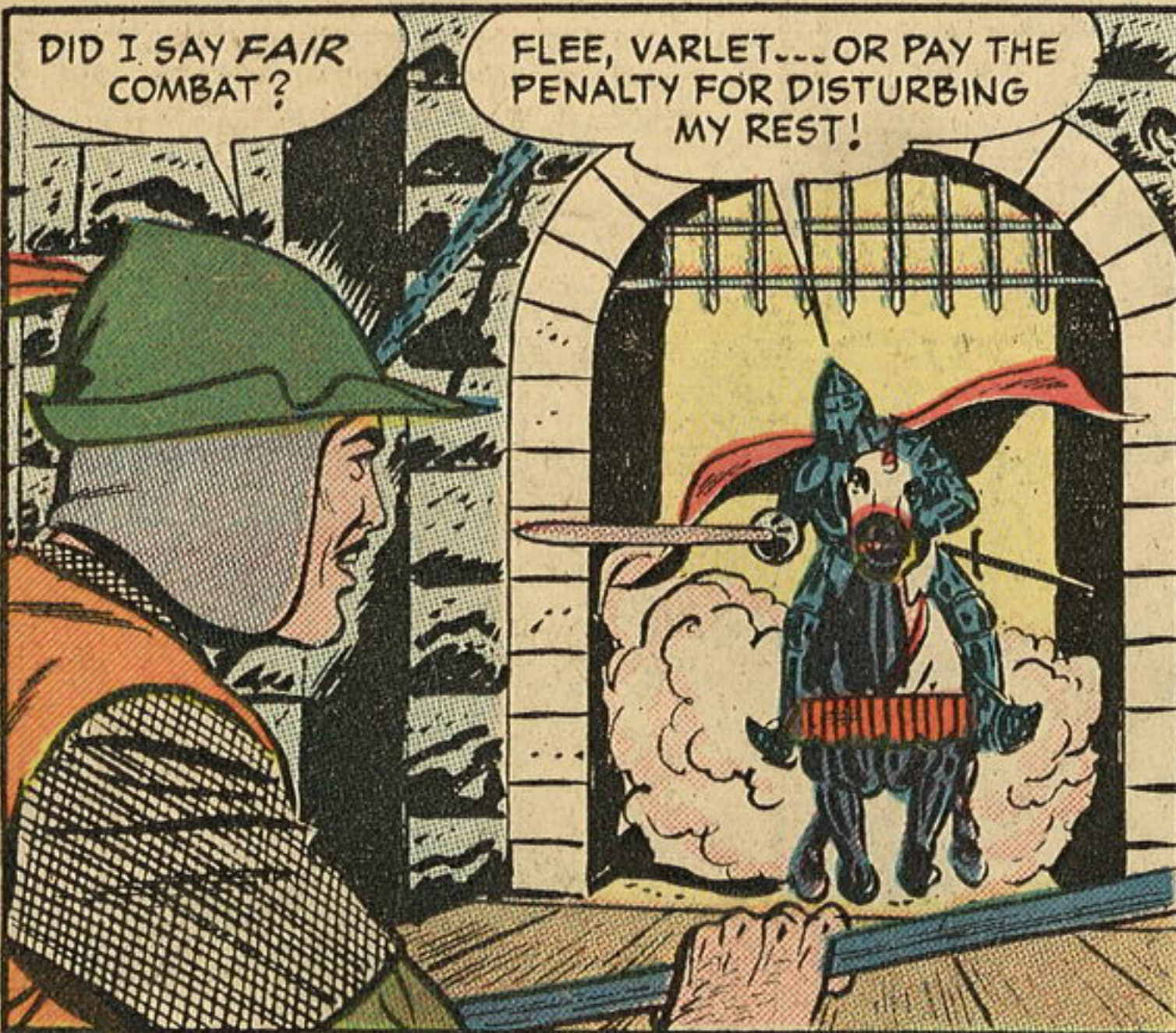
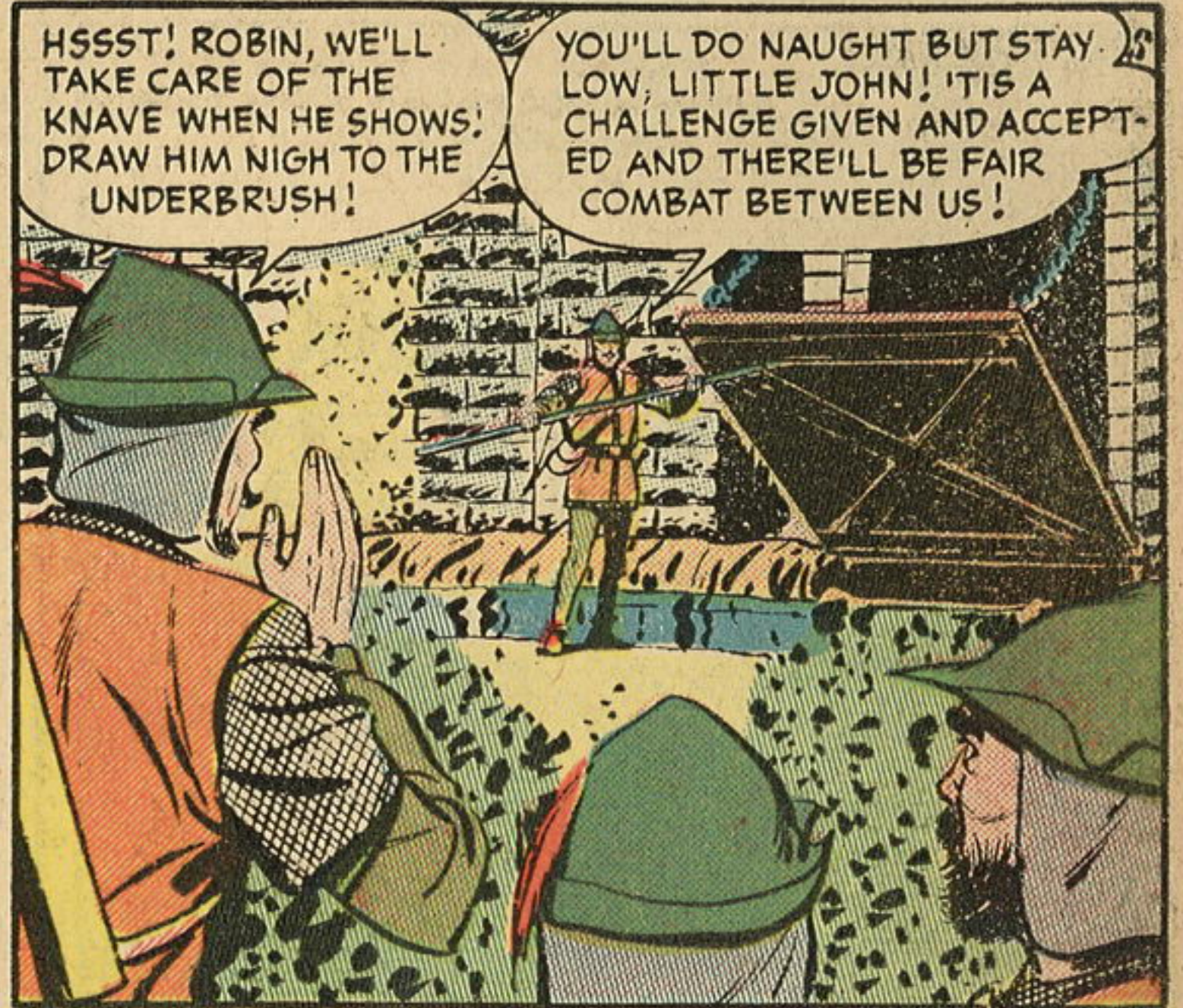
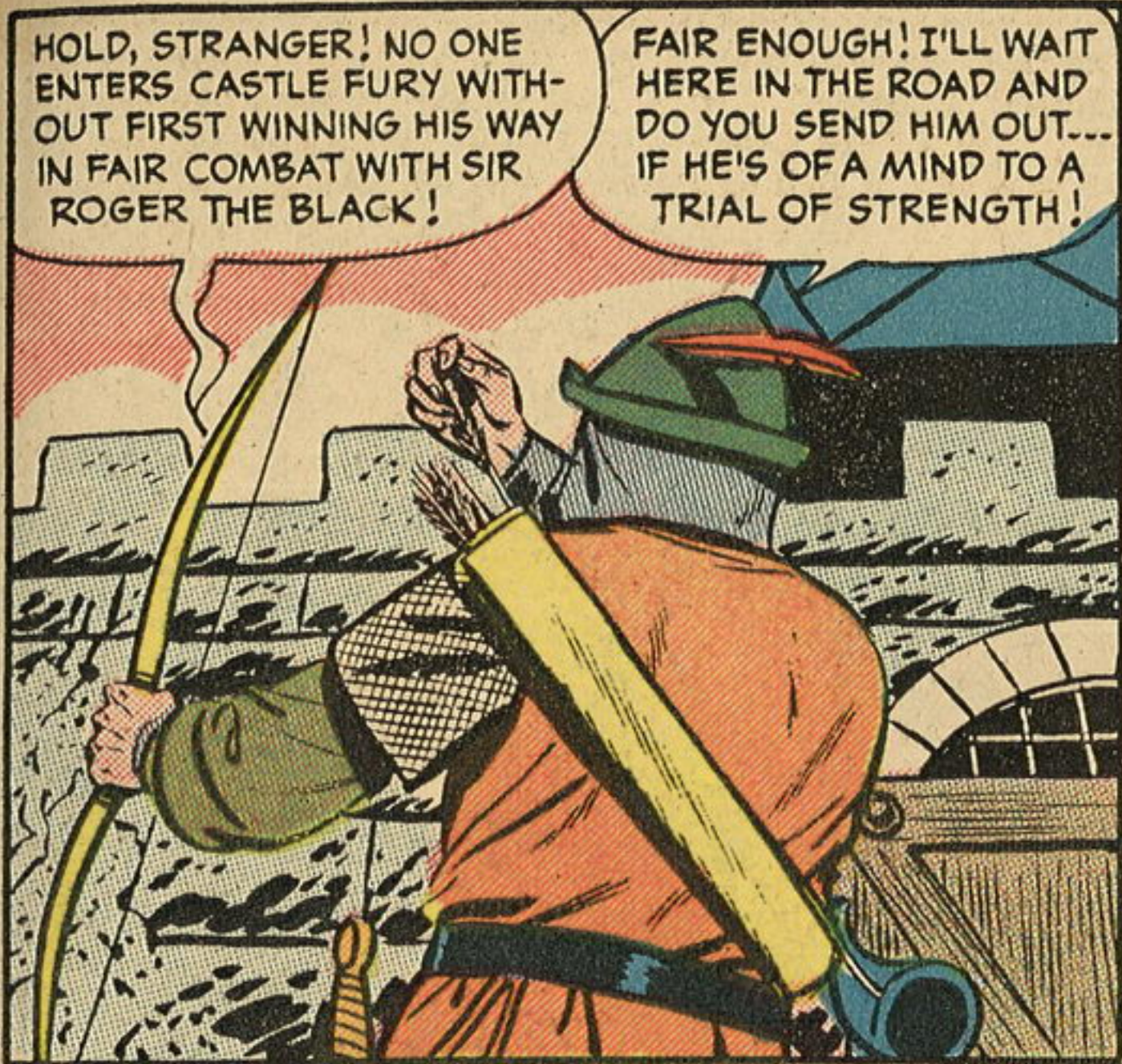
NOW IF THAT'S
THE PARLEY
THEY SEEK---



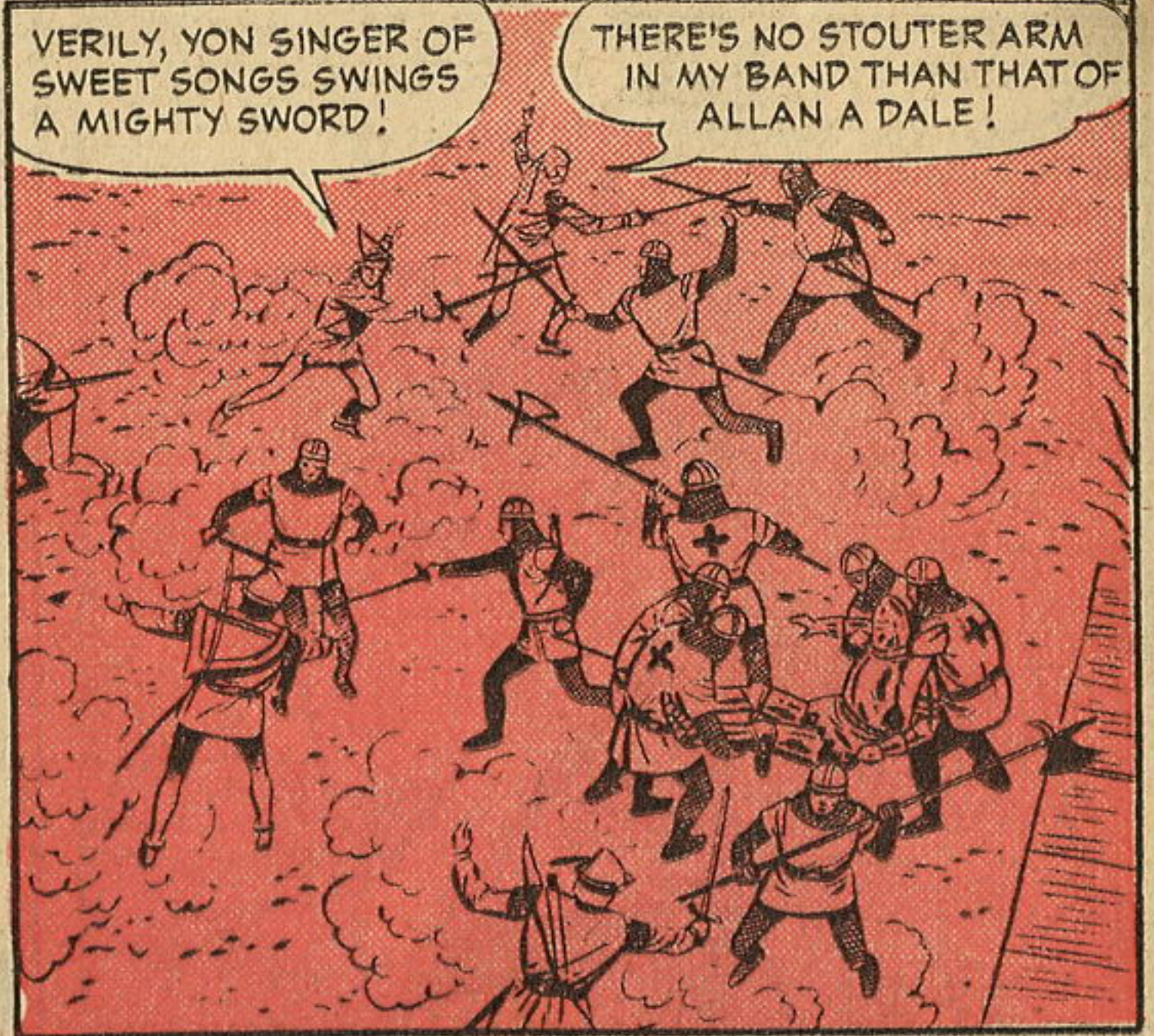
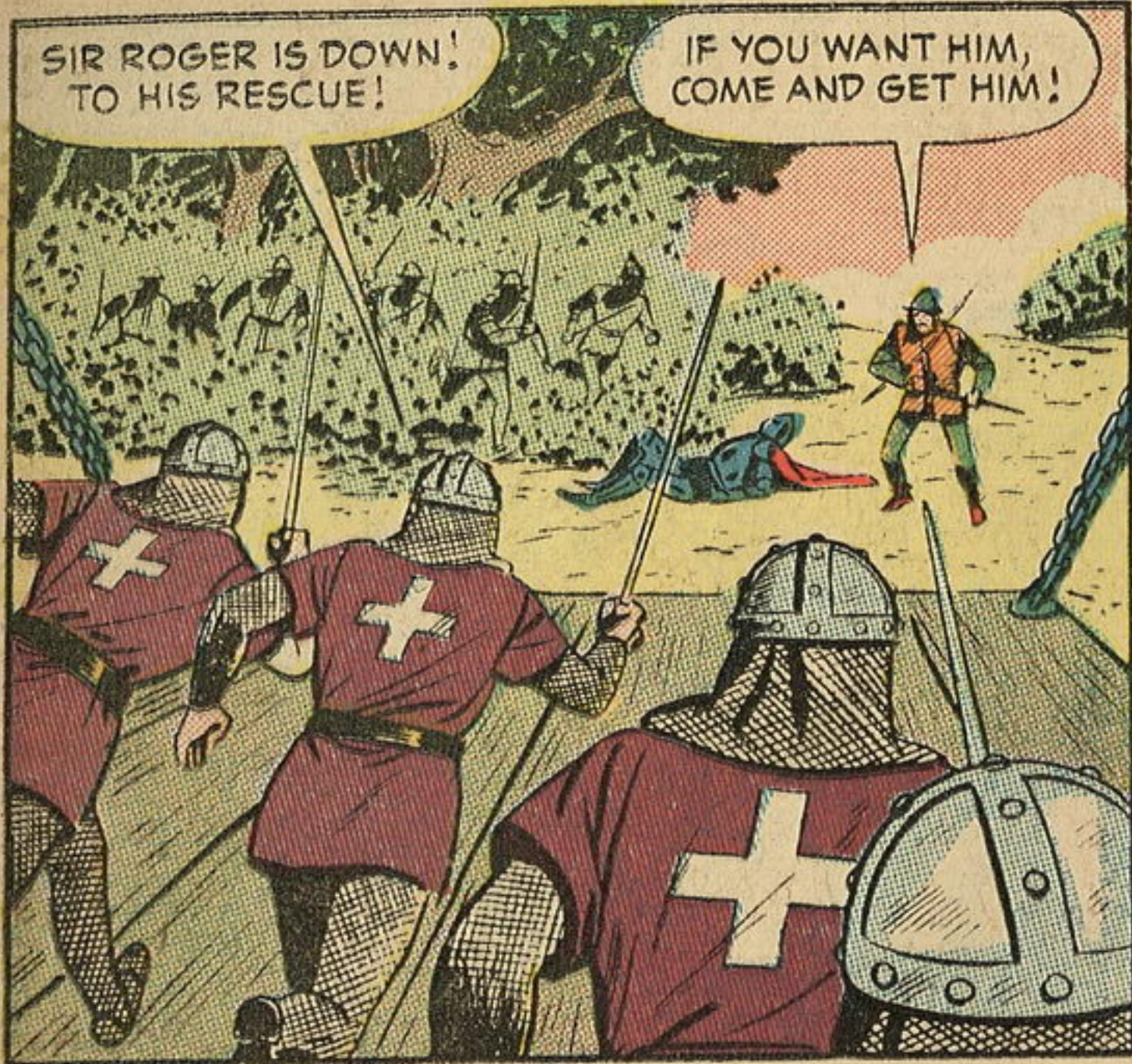
...THEY'LL HAVE IT,
AND GLADLY!

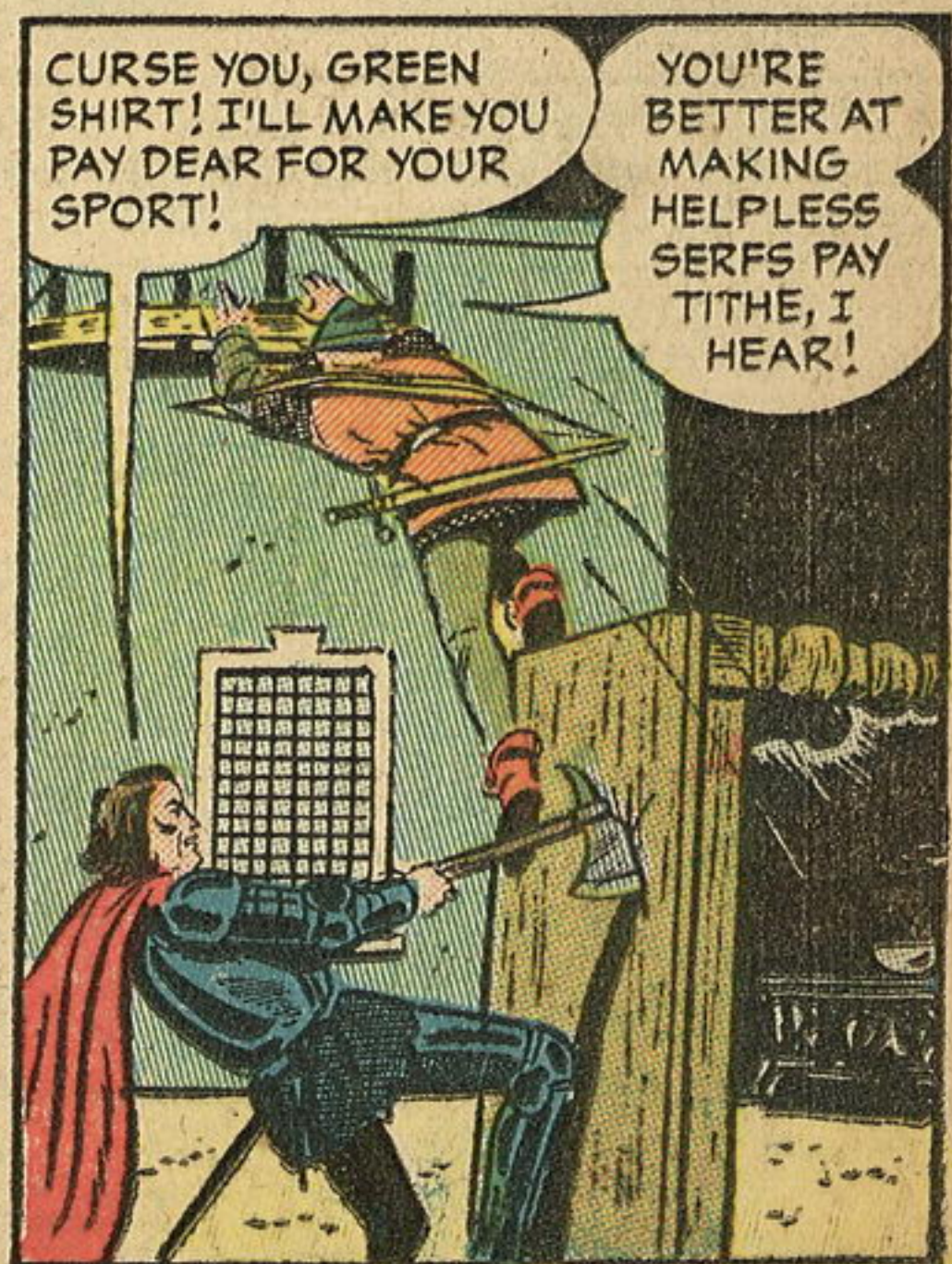
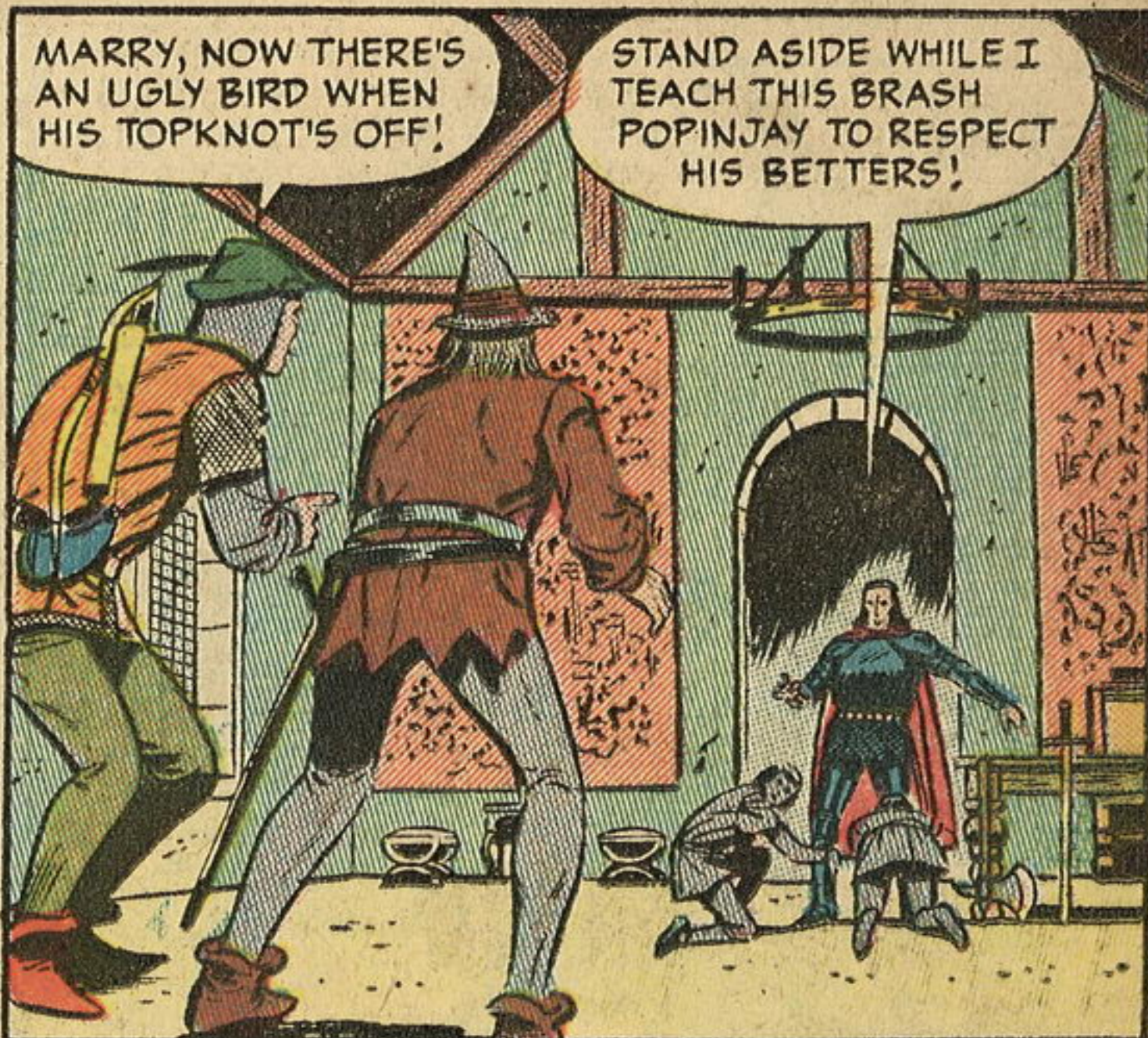


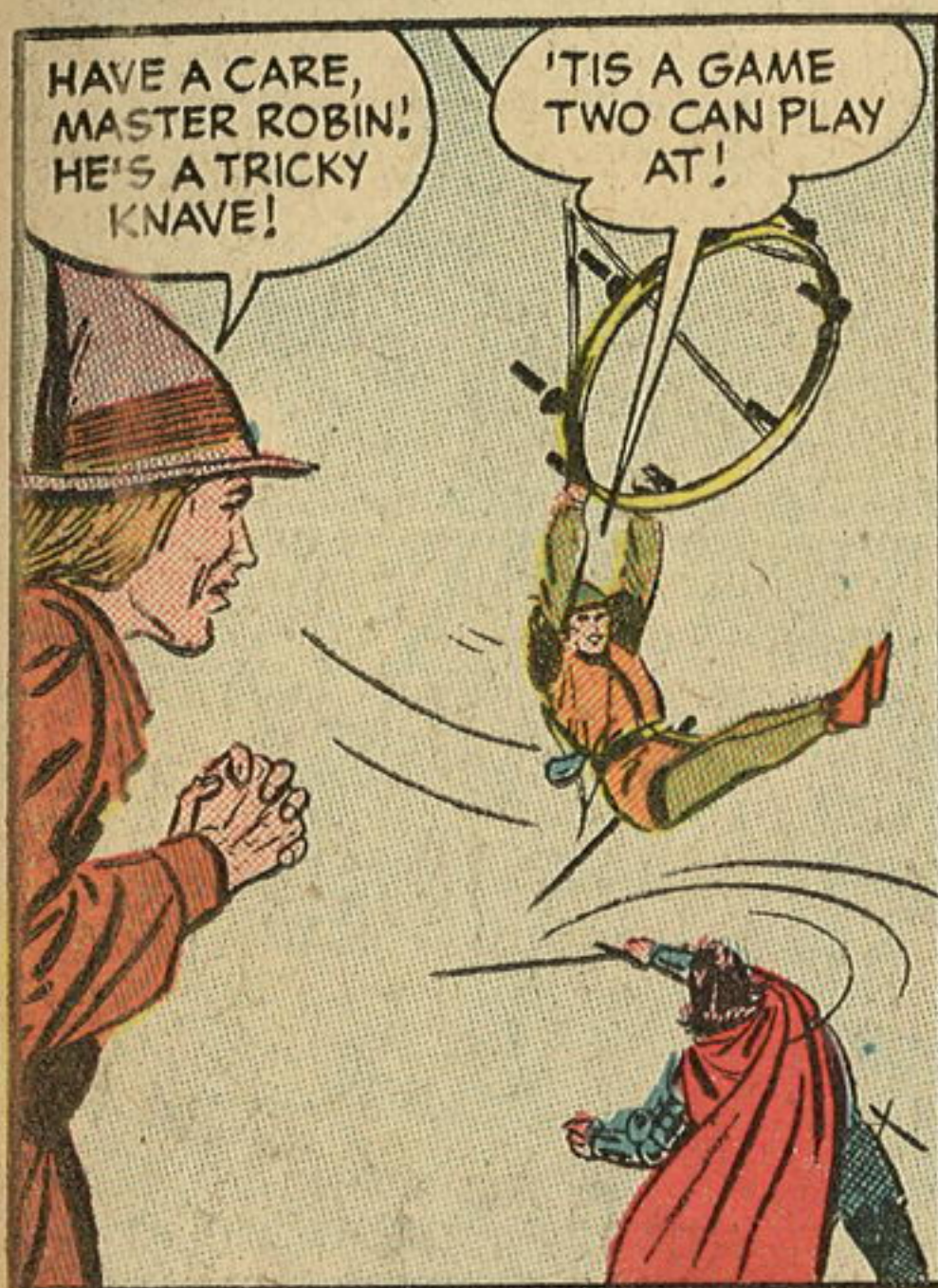
EEEEOWWWW!



ROBIN HOOD TALES







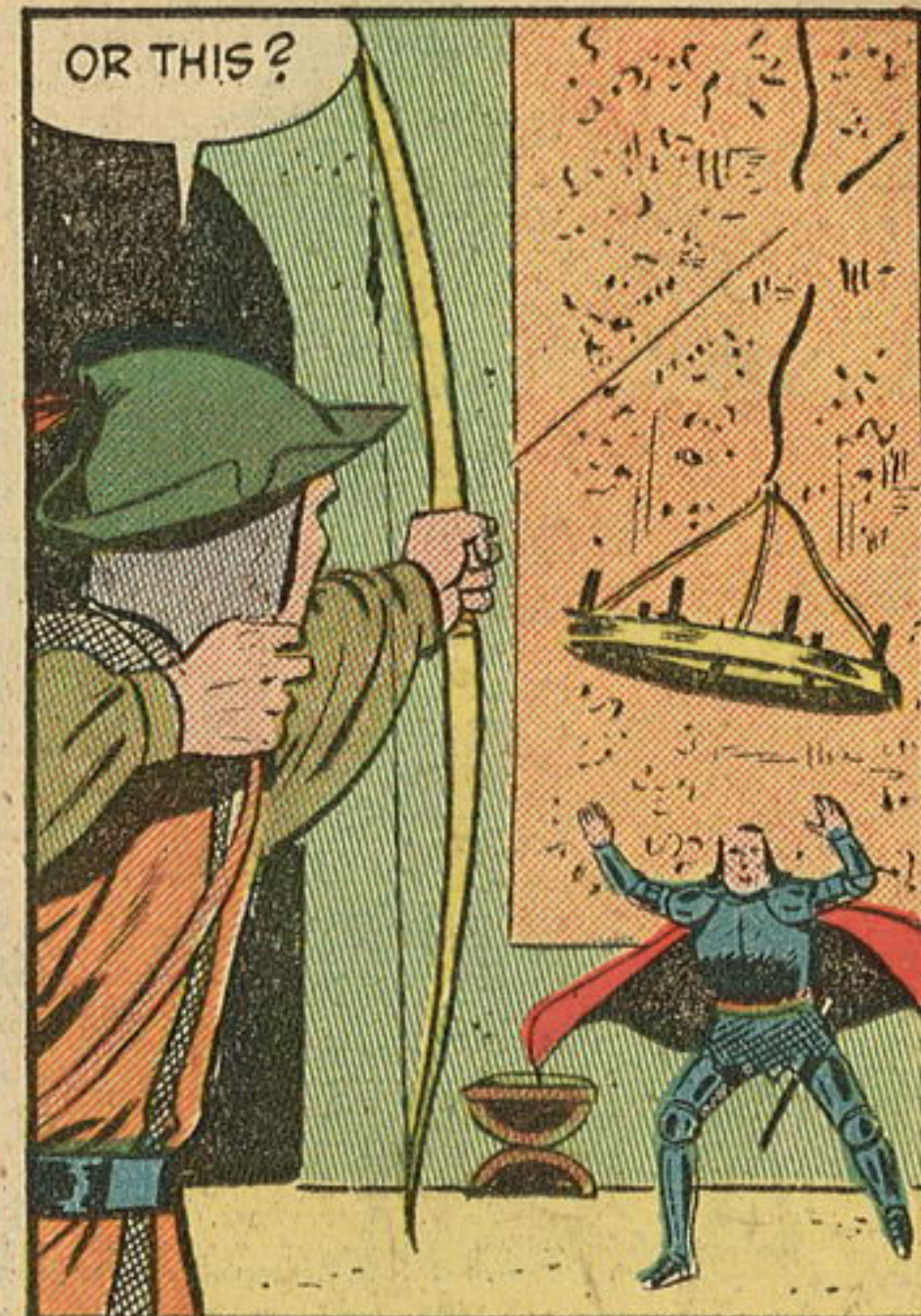
HAVE A CARE, MASTER ROBIN! HE'S A TRICKY KNAVE!

'TIS A GAME TWO CAN PLAY AT!

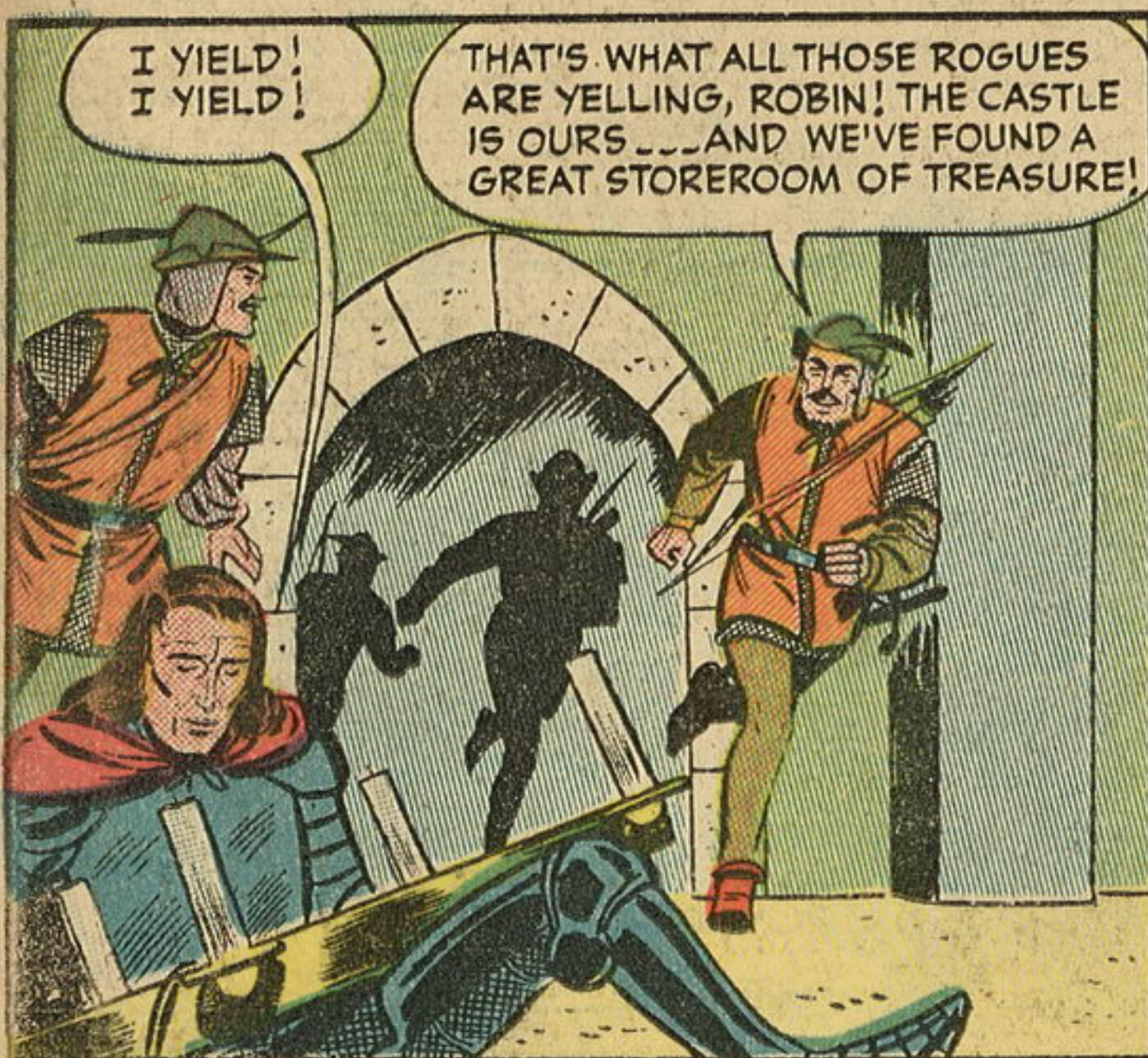


HOW LIKE YOU THIS TRICK?

EEOW!



OR THIS?



I YIELD! I YIELD!

THAT'S WHAT ALL THOSE ROGUES ARE YELLING, ROBIN! THE CASTLE IS OURS... AND WE'VE FOUND A GREAT STOREROOM OF TREASURE!



'T WAS WRESTED FROM THE SERFS SO IT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THEM! THEY CAN DEAL WITH SIR ROGUE HERE IN THEIR OWN MANNER!

THAT WE'LL DO! AND I KNOW THE MANNER TO DELIGHT ALL!



THAT NIGHT THERE WAS A GREAT FEAST FOR THE FREED SERFS AND THEIR MERRY CHAMPIONS! BLACK ROGER AND HIS PACK WERE FORCED TO SERVE!

OVER HERE, KNAVE! CAN'T YOU SEE MY HORN IS EMPTY?

AND SO IS MY PLATTER! HUSTLE FASTER OR YOU'LL FEEL THE SAME PUNISHMENT YOU LIKED TO DOLE OUT TO US!

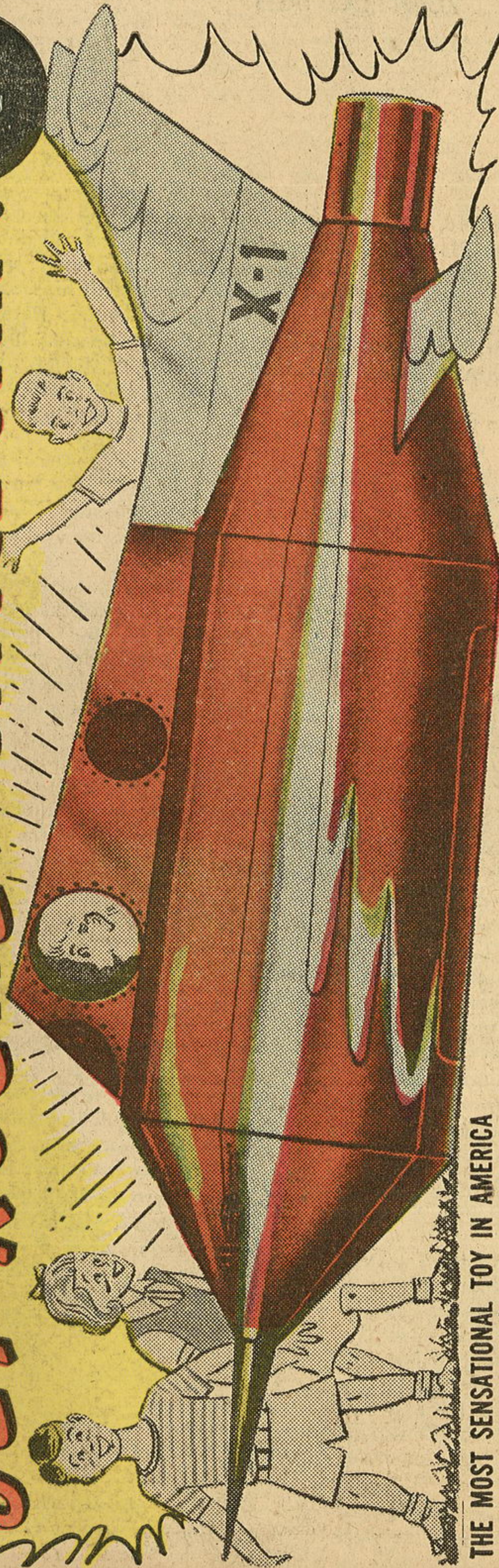


THE NEXT MORNING...

WE'LL BE OFF FOR SHERWOOD FOREST! IF THERE'S AUGHT OF TROUBLE HERE, JUST SEND WORD AND WE'LL BE BACK!

OUR DEEPEST THANKS, GOOD ROBIN HOOD! AND REMEMBER, IF YOU'RE EVER PRESSED, THERE'S HAVEN FOR YOU IN CASTLE FURY!

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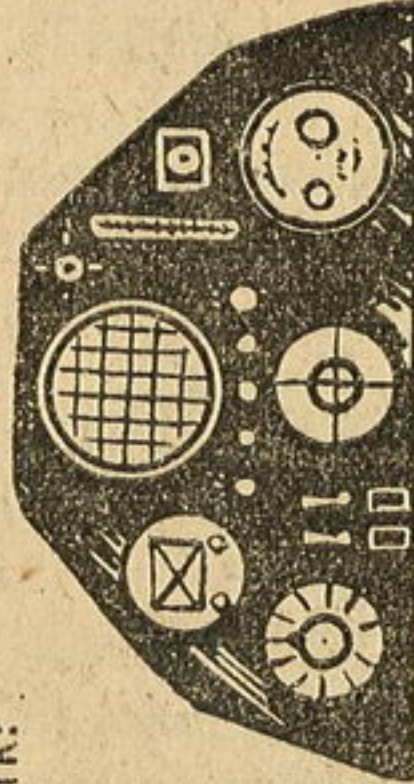
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The Outlawing of Robin Hood

ON a bright spring day a handsome young man walked through Sherwood Forest, his long bow on his shoulder, a quiver of fine gray-goose arrows on his back, a song on his lips. His name was Robert Fitzooth but his friends called him Robin Hood. His purse was light but his heart was lighter, for he had neither care nor enemy in the world. Then in a trice all that was changed.

At a clearing, Robin Hood came upon three of the King's Foresters, rough and brutish men despite their badges of office. The Sheriff of Nottingham had appointed them to guard the King's Deer in the forest and to catch poachers. At the sight of Robin Hood they blocked the way, roughly demanding to know his name, his business and where he was bound.

"My name is Robin Hood," the young man told them pleasantly, "and I go to Nottingham to seek service as a Forester, for I do know every tree and creature in Sherwood Forest."

The three hooted nastily. "You, a Forester? Know ye not a Forester must be a man, not a child? Why, a stripling like you could not even draw that stout bow you carry. Whose bow is it, actually? Where did you steal it?"

They went on, jibing and jeering until Robin Hood grew very angry, for he was immensely proud of his skill as an archer. At last he cried, "You've big mouths but little else. I'll draw a bow with the best of you for any stakes you name."

The Foresters exchanged knowing looks. One of them drew out a purse of silver. He pointed to a herd of deer grazing a long way off. "See yon stag? This purse is yours if you can kill it fairly, though I doubt you can put an arrow half that distance."

Robin was so angry that without stopping to think he whipped an arrow to his string, drew it full and let fly. The stag gave one great bound and fell dead, with Robin's arrow in its heart.

For a moment the three Foresters could only gape in wonder at such a shot. Robin held out his hand. "I'll take the purse I fairly won."

The next moment he was seized, his bow and arrows snatched from him, his wrists bound with bowstring. The Chief Forester sneered nastily. "You've won a hemp noose in Nottingham Square, lad, for shooting a King's deer. We were about to lose our jobs because we had caught no poachers. Now we have caught you in the act and we have the stag with your arrow in him to prove it. The Sheriff will be pleased, we'll get a reward and you'll hang tomorrow morning as an example."

Then Robin saw how foully he had been tricked and trapped by their jeers and his own heedless anger. He tried vainly to protest but they paid no attention. The deer was skinned and Robin was tied

in the wet hide, as was the custom with poachers. One of the Foresters ran off and soon returned with three woodcutters and their sled, on which Robin was bundled along with his bow and arrows.

Two of the woodcutters were old men. The third was young and strong and his eyes showed quick sympathy for Robin Hood's plight. But these men were only poor Saxon serfs and not one of them dared lift a hand or speak a word of protest against the cruelties of their Norman masters. When the young man was only gentle in dumping Robin Hood onto the sled, he received a hard lash across the back from one of the Foresters. "Get on with you, Saxon churl, and let's have no disobedience or you'll hang beside that other."

In pain and discomfort and dark despair, Robin Hood was hauled along the bumpy trail toward Nottingham. Try as he would, there was no way of loosening the stout bowstring or working himself free of the drying deerhide. He could only contemplate the bitter morrow when his young life would be cut off before its prime.

Presently they came to a tavern and the three Foresters went inside for refreshments. The young Woodcutter, whom the others called Will, looked down at Robin Hood and his face tightened in anger.

"Though it cost me my head, I'll not drag any innocent lad to the gallows." Snatching a knife, he quickly cut away the cord and hide and set Robin free. "Follow me and I'll show you a hiding place beyond the swamp where the Foresters will never find us."

"A thousand thanks," Robin gasped, snatching his quiver and bow. "I shall be forever in your debt, sir. Lead the way."

As they started to flee, the Foresters came out. With yells of rage they began loosing arrows. Robin whirled and his own bow twanged. Arrows whistled at the Foresters with such deadly menace that they fell back to cover with cries of fright.

Instantly Robin and his new friends had plunged from sight in the forest. Hours later, having threaded their way through a treacherous swamp on a trail only Will could find, they came to a sunlit clearing under a giant oak. As they fled, Robin had been thinking soberly of his plight.

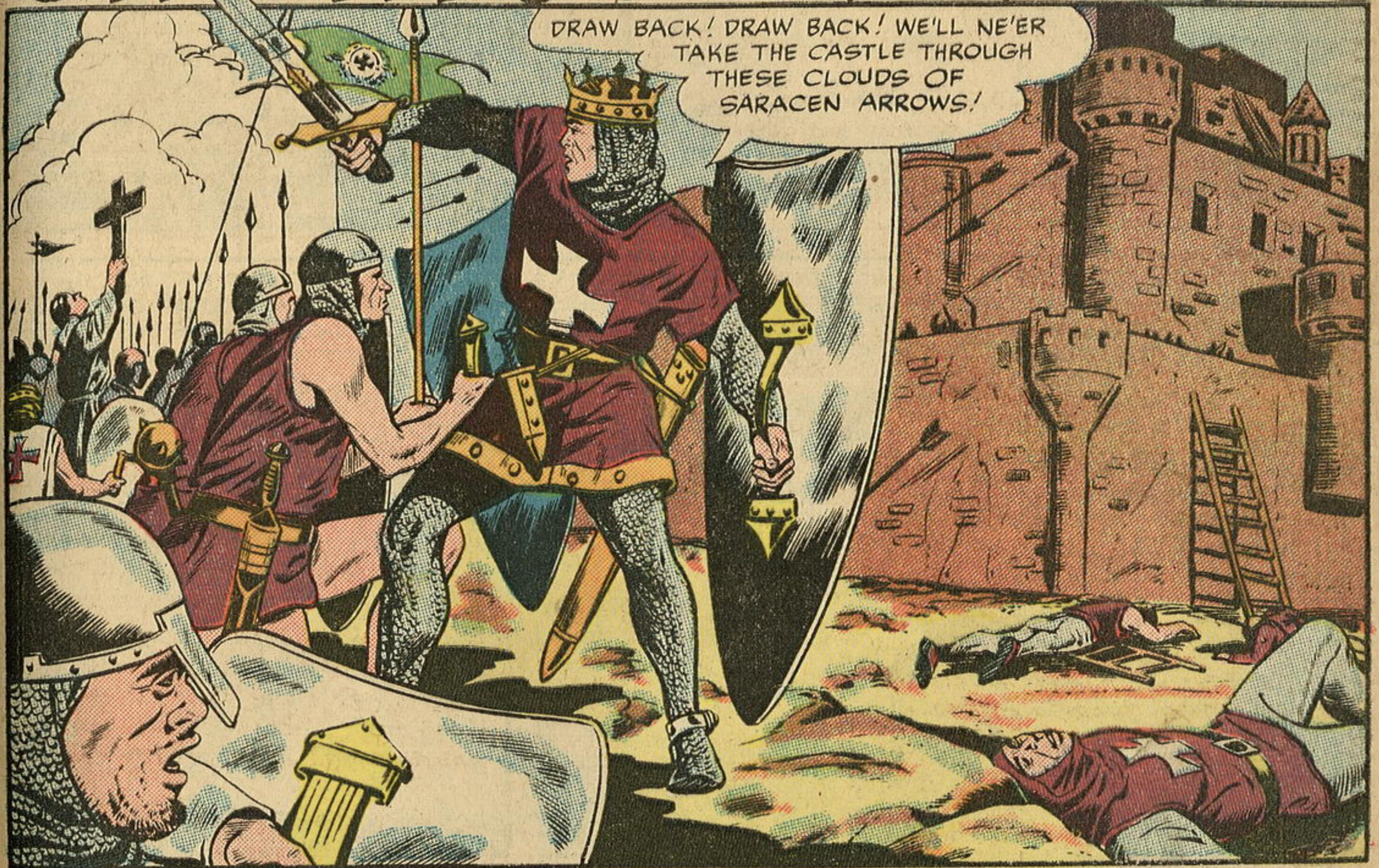
"We're outlaws all," he said. "Then I say, let's make the most of it. We can live in the forest and mayhap draw other unfortunates to our cause. We'll punish the tyrants and aid the poor and live merrily in the greenwood."

The others cheered and shook hands on it. So did Robin Hood become an outlaw and so, too, did stout Will Stutely become his faithful follower and the first of the Merry Men of Sherwood Forest.

ROBIN HOOD TALES

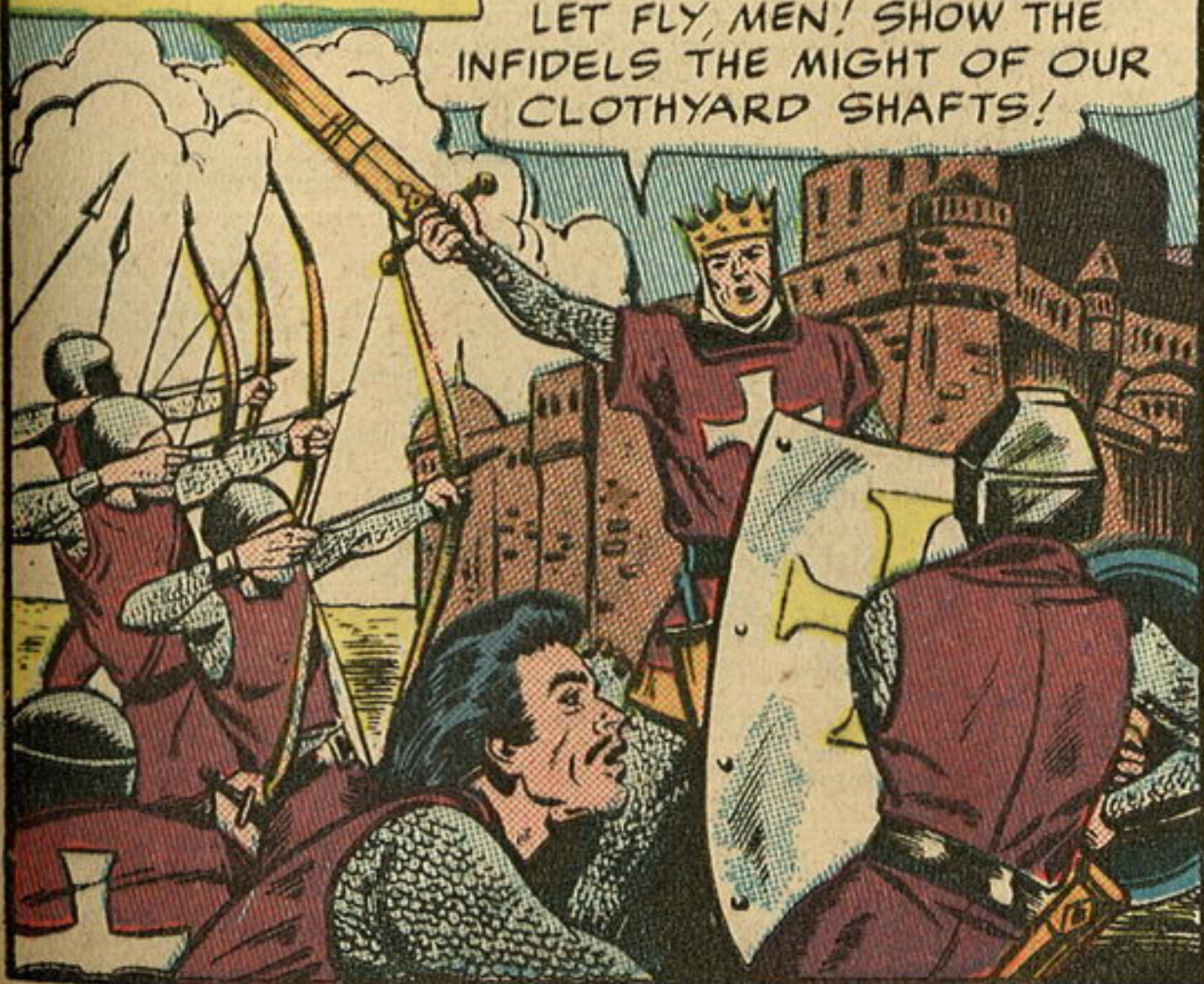
KING RICHARD THE LION-HEARTED HAD LED HIS ARMY OF CRUSADERS ACROSS EUROPE AND INTO ASIA MINOR! NOW ON THE VERY THRESHOLD OF THE HOLY LAND THEY HAD COME TO FREE, THEY FOUND THEIR WAY BLOCKED BY A MIGHTY CASTLE! ADVANCE SEEMED HOPELESS UNTIL HIS GREEK ALLIES SHOWED RICHARD HOW TO BUILD...

ENGINES OF WAR



AS THE WHOLE WORLD KNEW, ENGLISH ARCHERS HAD NO EQUALS!

LET FLY, MEN! SHOW THE INFIDELS THE MIGHT OF OUR CLOTHYARD SHAFTS!



BUT THE SARACENS WERE PRACTISED HANDS AT MEETING SUCH ATTACKS!



ONE ASSAULT WAVE OF DARING KNIGHTS ACTUALLY REACHED THE WALL ... ONLY TO COME TUMBLING BACK FROM A NEW TERROR!

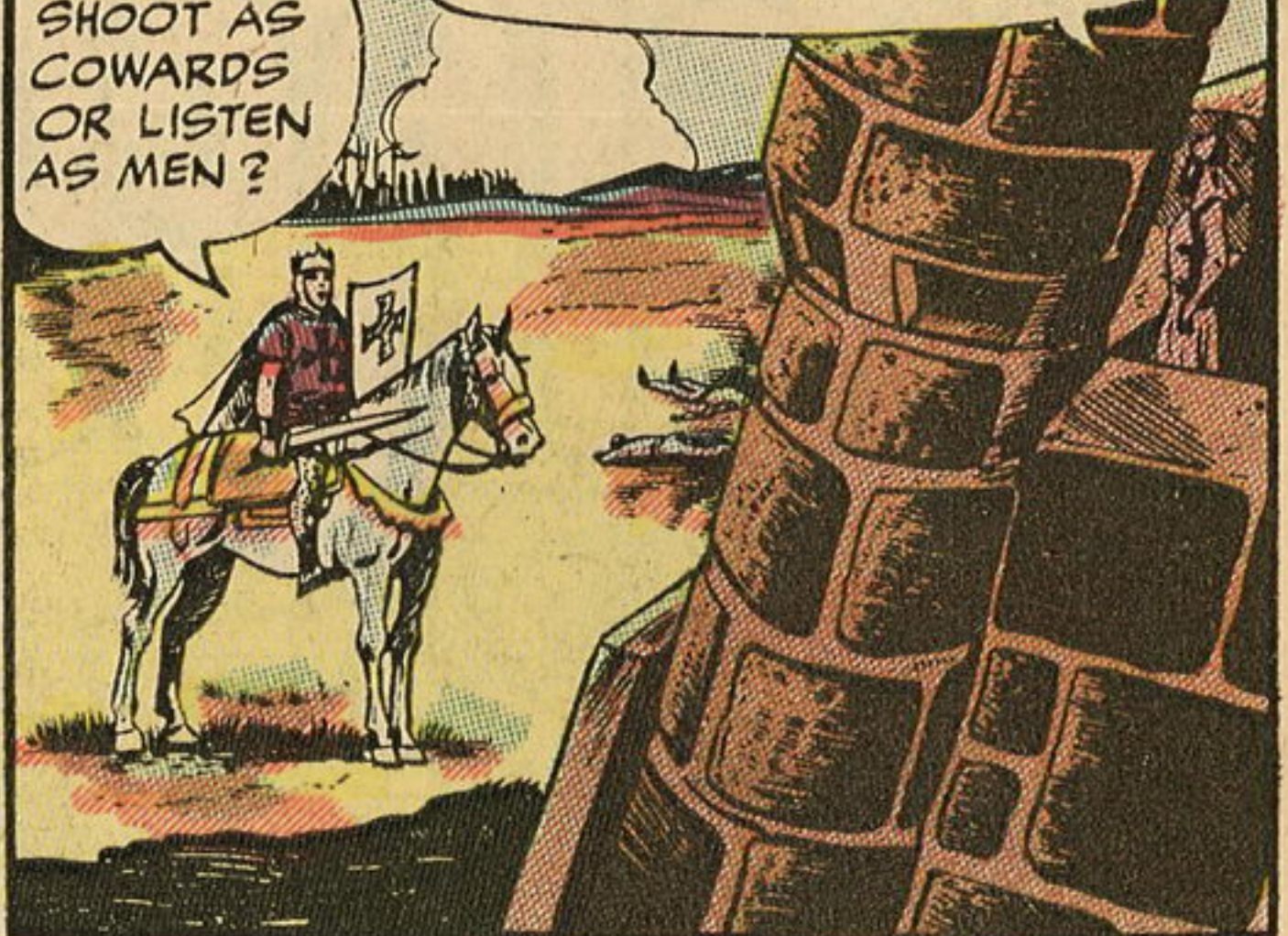


RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!

AT LAST KING RICHARD ARMED HIMSELF AND RODE BOLDLY UP TO THE CASTLE WALL, HEEDLESS OF THE MENACING ARCHERS ABOVE!

HO, INFIDELS! WILL YE SHOOT AS COWARDS OR LISTEN AS MEN?

SPEAK, INVADER! HAVE YOU COME TO SUE FOR PEACE?



I COME TO CHALLENGE YOUR CHAMPION TO SINGLE COMBAT! HAVE YOU ONE WHO DARES FACE MY STEEL? 'TIS KING RICHARD PLANTAGENET WHO WAITS!



AYE, WE HAVE SUCH A ONE!

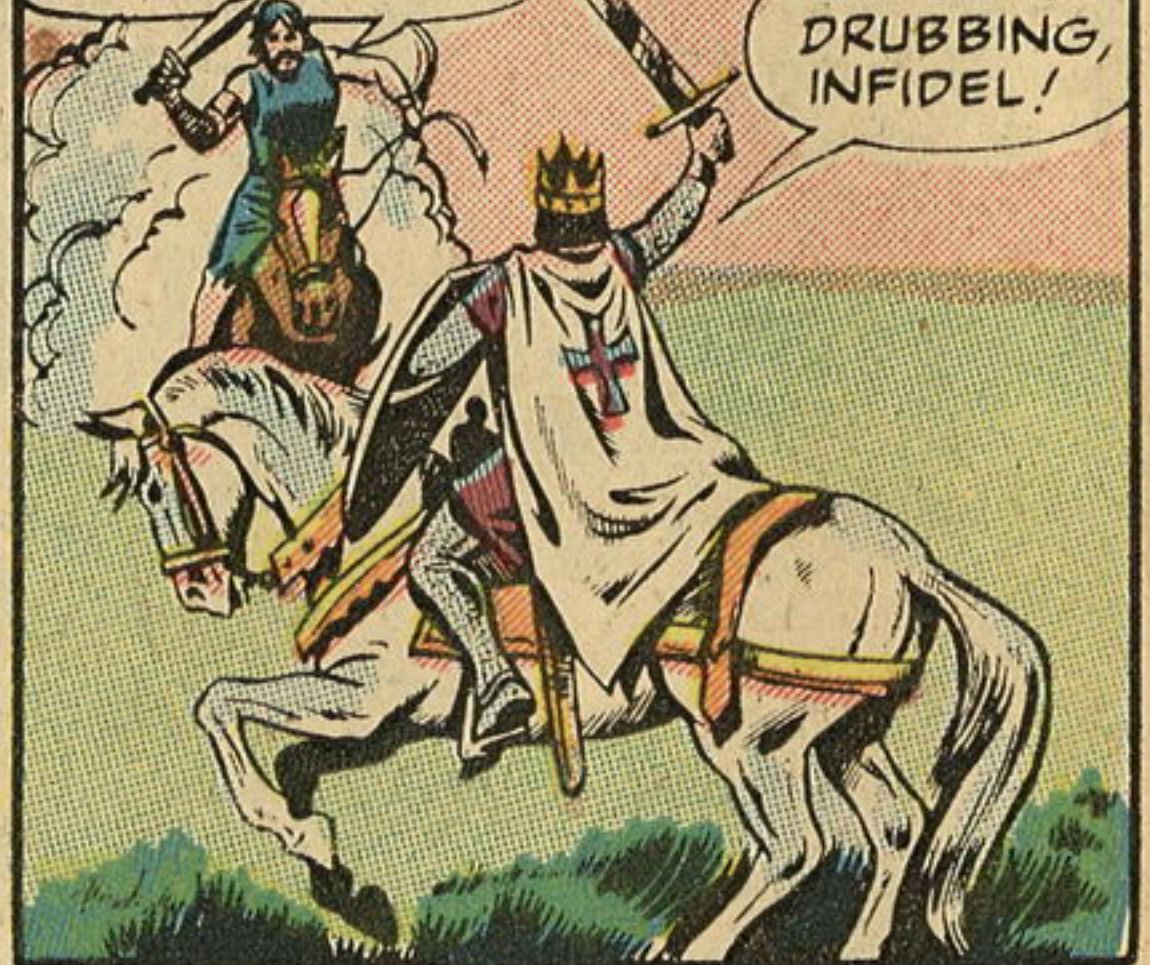
ABIDE THERE UNTIL MY HORSE IS BROUGHT! THEN SET THYSELF TO FACE MUSTAPHA THE MIGHTY!



MOMENTS LATER A VERITABLE GIANT OF A MAN RODE OUT, A SELJUK TURK!

ART PREPARED TO DIE, INVADER?

I AM PREPARED TO DEAL THEE A MIGHTY DRUBBING, INFIDEL!

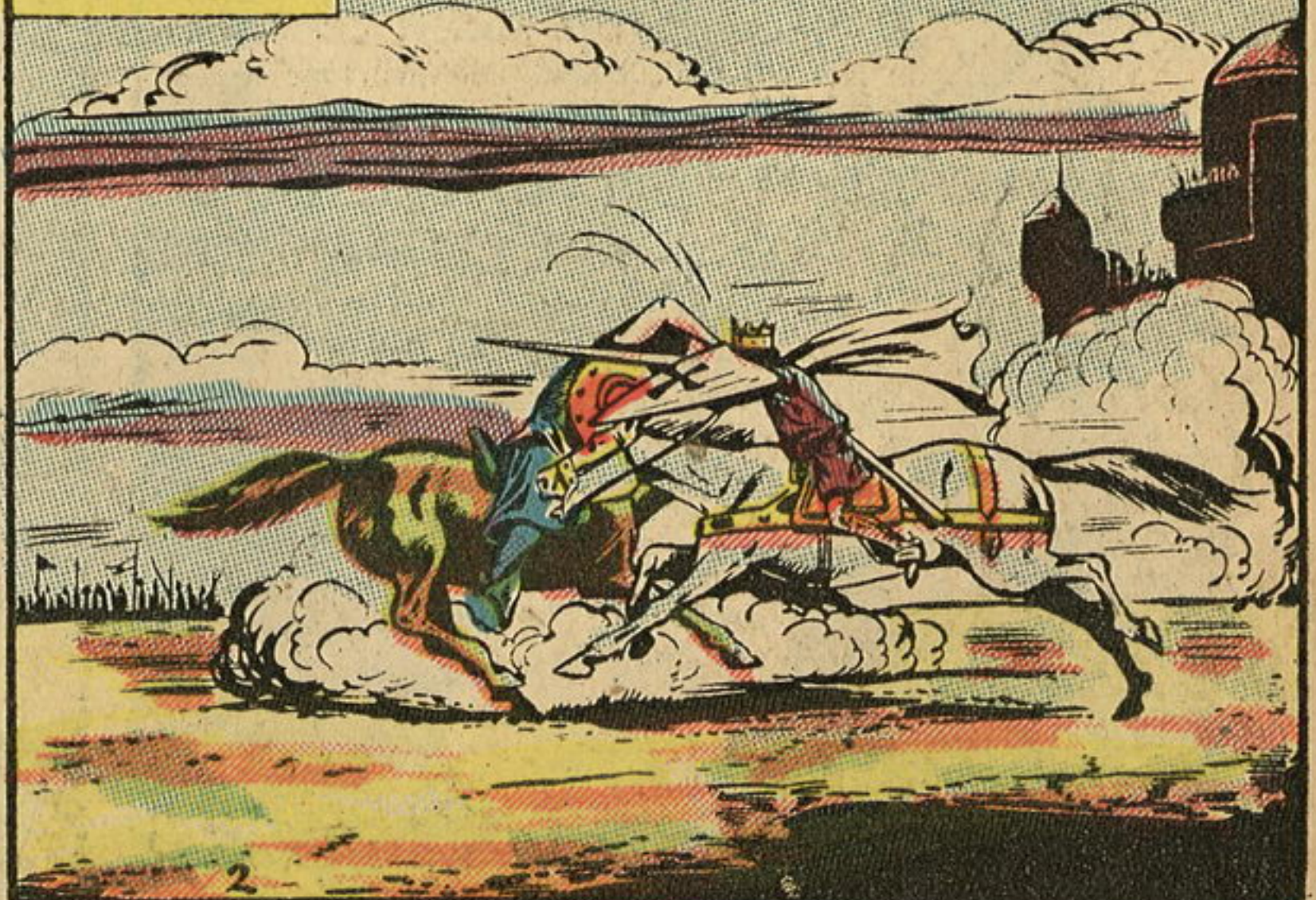


Y-ALLAH IL ALLAH!

FOR THE HOLY LAND!



THE TWO MIGHTY WARRIORS MET WITH A CRASH OF ARMOR AND A CLANG OF SWORDS ON SHIELDS!



FOR A FULL HOUR THE TWO MIGHTY WARRIORS BATTLED, WITH NO ADVANTAGE TO EITHER MAN!

YIELD, INFIDEL!

SHOULD THE VICTOR YIELD TO THE VANQUISHED?



AT LAST THE BATTLE WAS HALTED WHEN SHEER EXHAUSTION ROBBED MUSCLES OF THEIR STRENGTH!

STAP ME, NEVER HAVE I FOUGHT ONE SO CUNNING OR STRONG!

BY ALLAH, YOU MAKE ME ALMOST ADMIRE AN INVADER!



AFTERWARD, IN THE GREAT PAVILLION THAT WAS HEADQUARTERS...

YOUR PARDON, SIRE, BUT THERE IS ONE WAY TO REDUCE THE GREAT CASTLE! IT IS A WAY MY ANCESTORS KNEW WELL!

YOU'RE ONE OF THE GREEK ALLIES WHO JOINED US! SPEAK, MAN, IF YOU KNOW A ROUTE TO VICTORY!



...AND HERE ARE THE ENGINES THAT WILL ACCOMPLISH IT, SIRE!

BY MY FAITH, I'VE NE'ER HEARD OF ENGINES OF WAR, BUT METHINKS THEY DO HOLD THE ANSWER TO OUR PRAYERS! WE START AT ONCE!



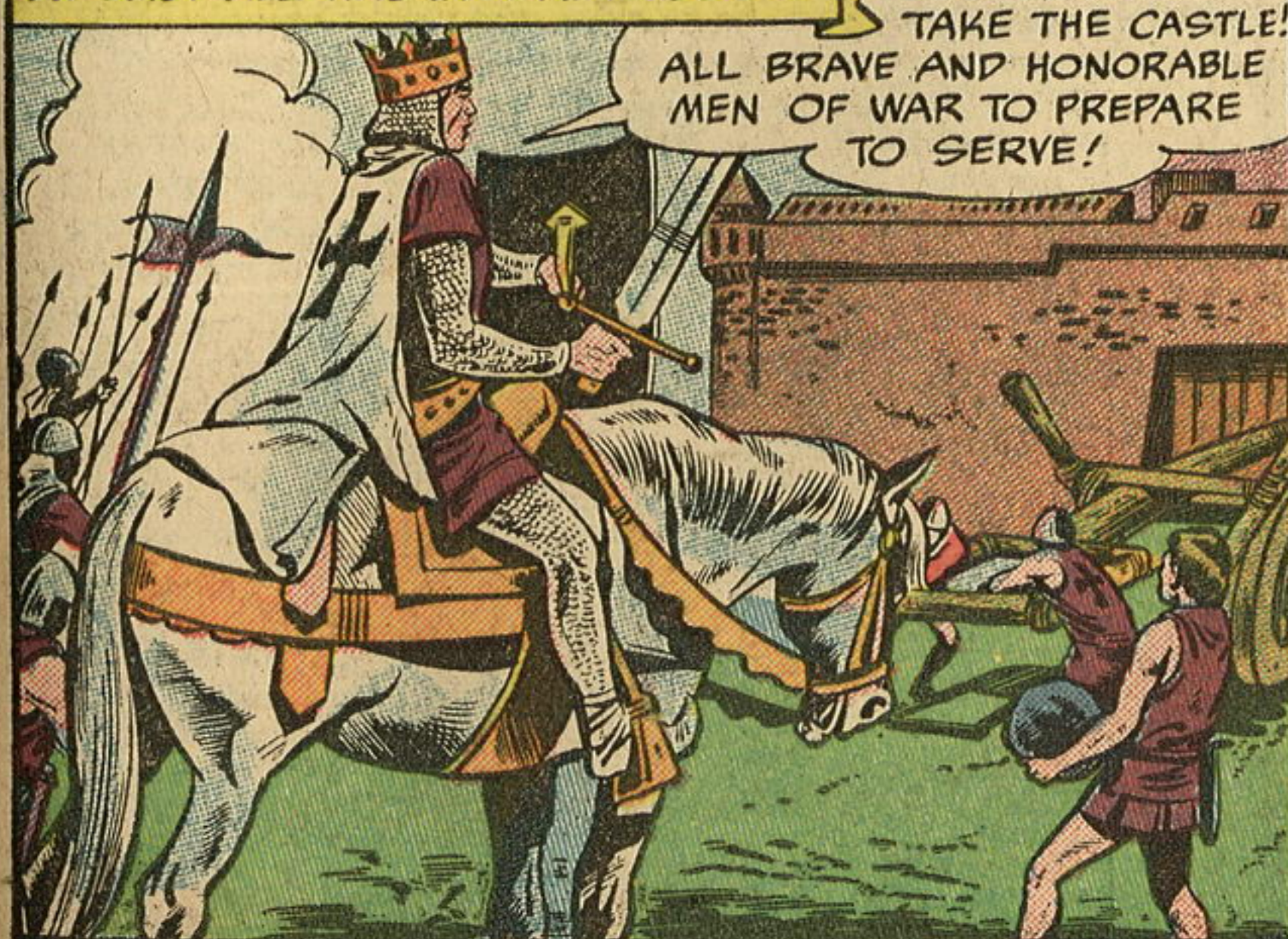
FOR DAYS THE CRUSADERS WORKED AT UNAC-CUSTOMED TASKS...HATING THEM BUT PERSIST-ING UNDER THE LASH OF KING RICHARD'S COMMAND!

MARRY, THIS IS NO JOB FOR KEEN BATTLE AXES, I TROW!

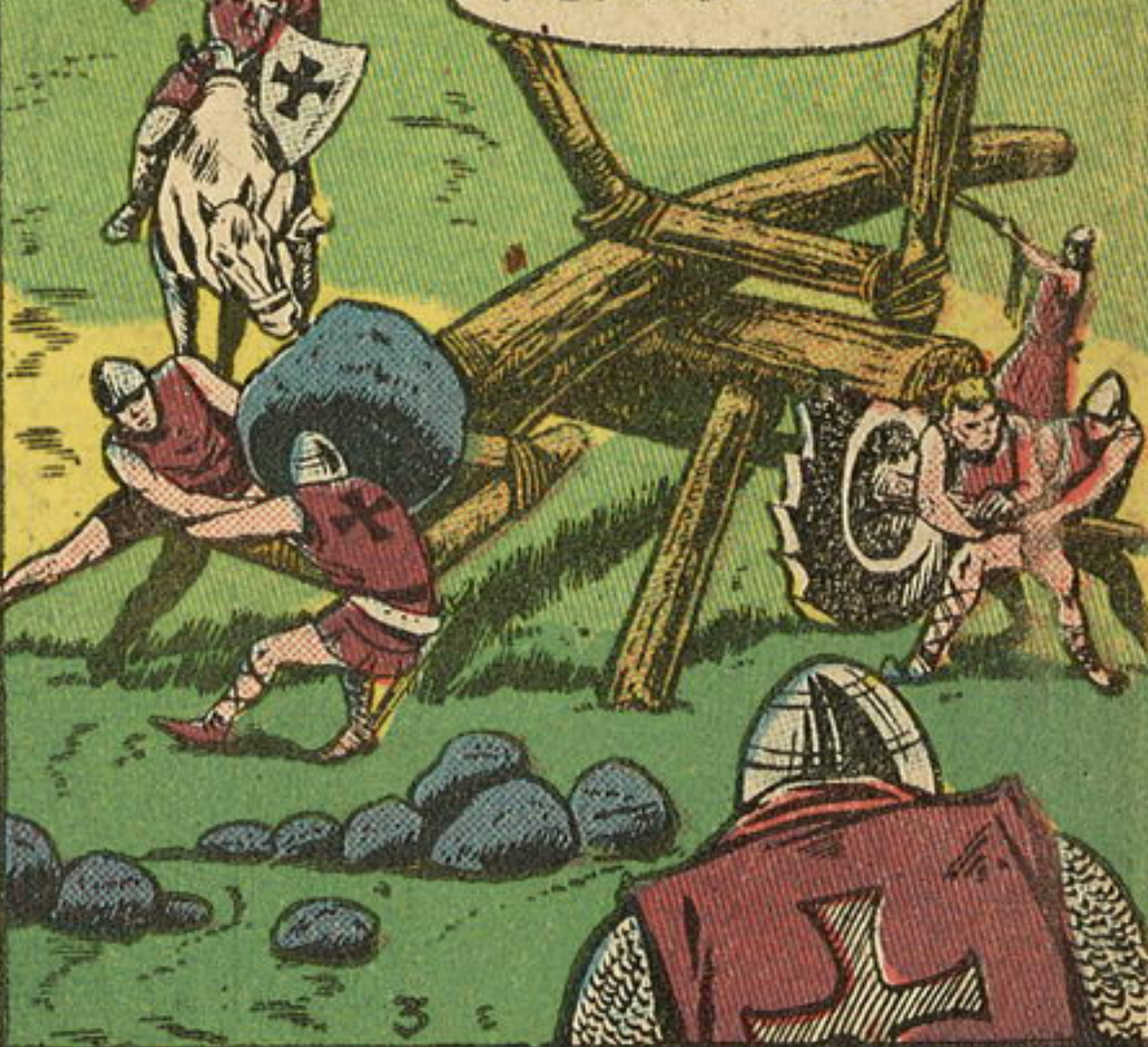


AT LAST ALL WAS IN READINESS...

THIS DAY WE TAKE THE CASTLE! ALL BRAVE AND HONORABLE MEN OF WAR TO PREPARE TO SERVE!



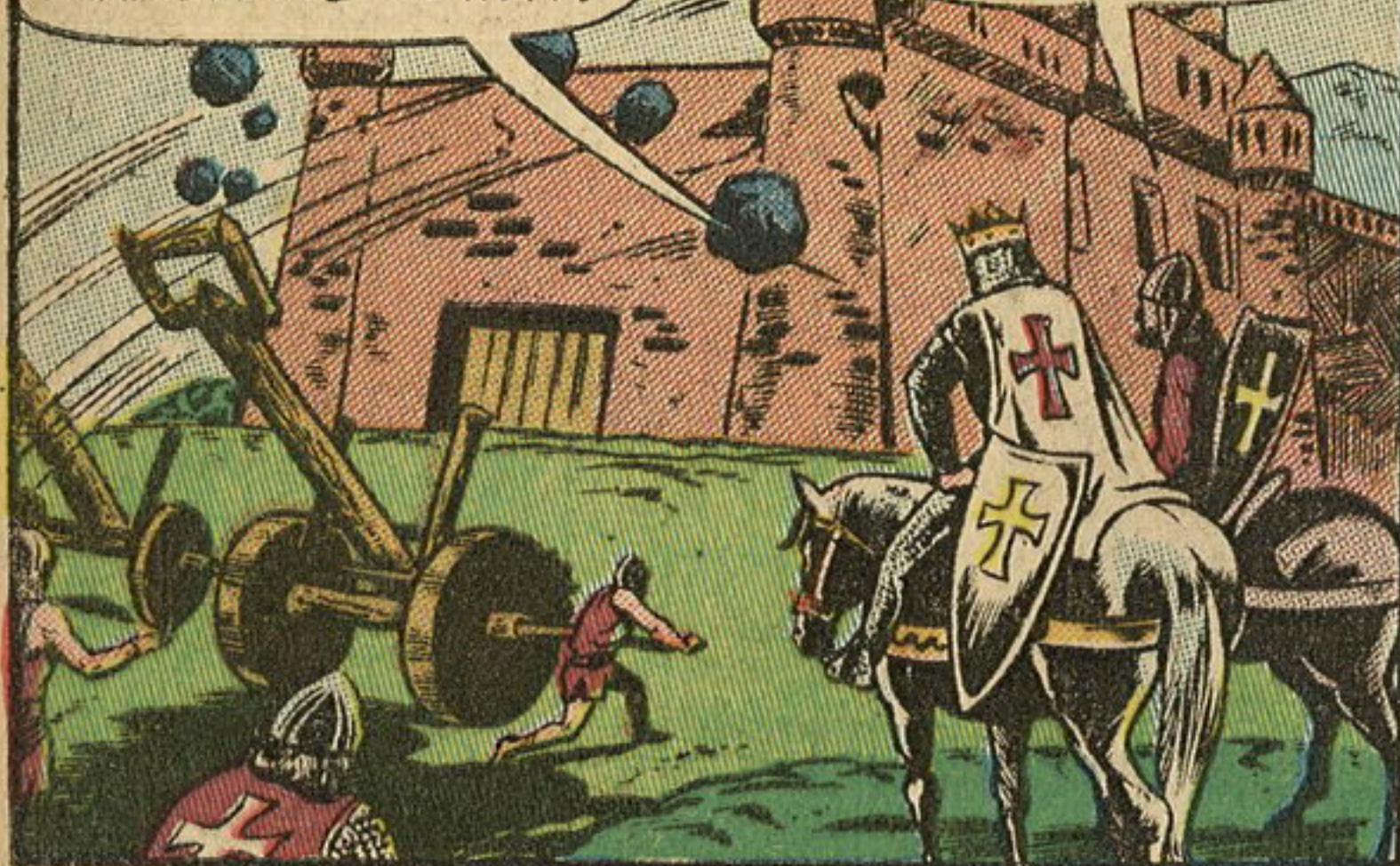
I SWOW, IF THIS WORKS AS PROPHE-SIED, THERE'LL BE NO ENEMY ABLE TO STAND AGAINST US!



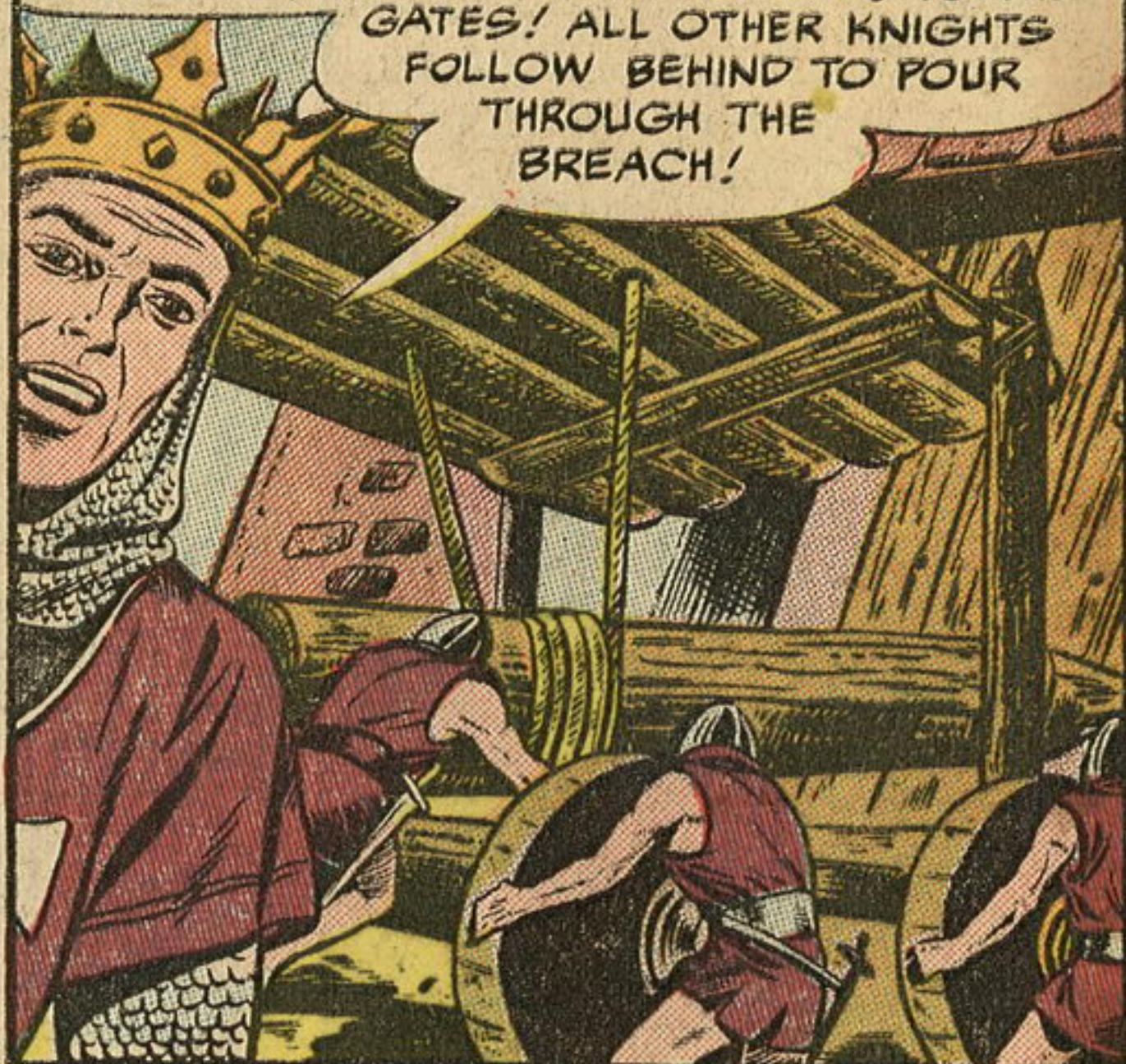
THE SARACENS HAD NO DEFENSE AGAINST GREAT RAGING MASSES OF ROCK!

THE BATTLEMENTS TOPPLE!
WHAT CALL YOU THESE
ENGINES OF THE
MIRACULOUS POWER?

CATAPULTS, SIRE! THE
ROMANS FIRST USED
THEM AGAINST MY
OWN PEOPLE!

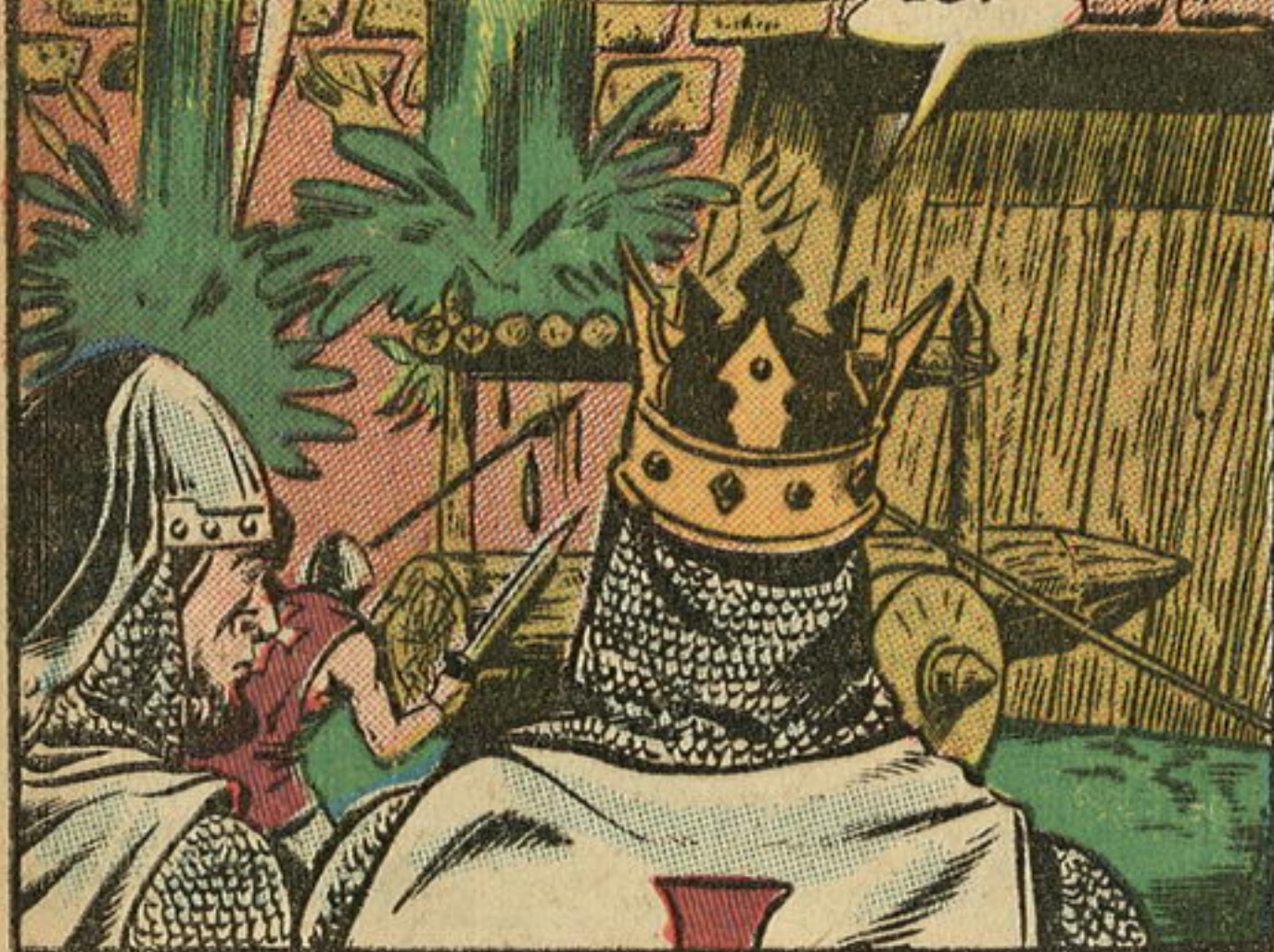


FORWARD, MY GOOD FOLLOWERS! TO THE
GATES! ALL OTHER KNIGHTS
FOLLOW BEHIND TO POUR
THROUGH THE
BREACH!

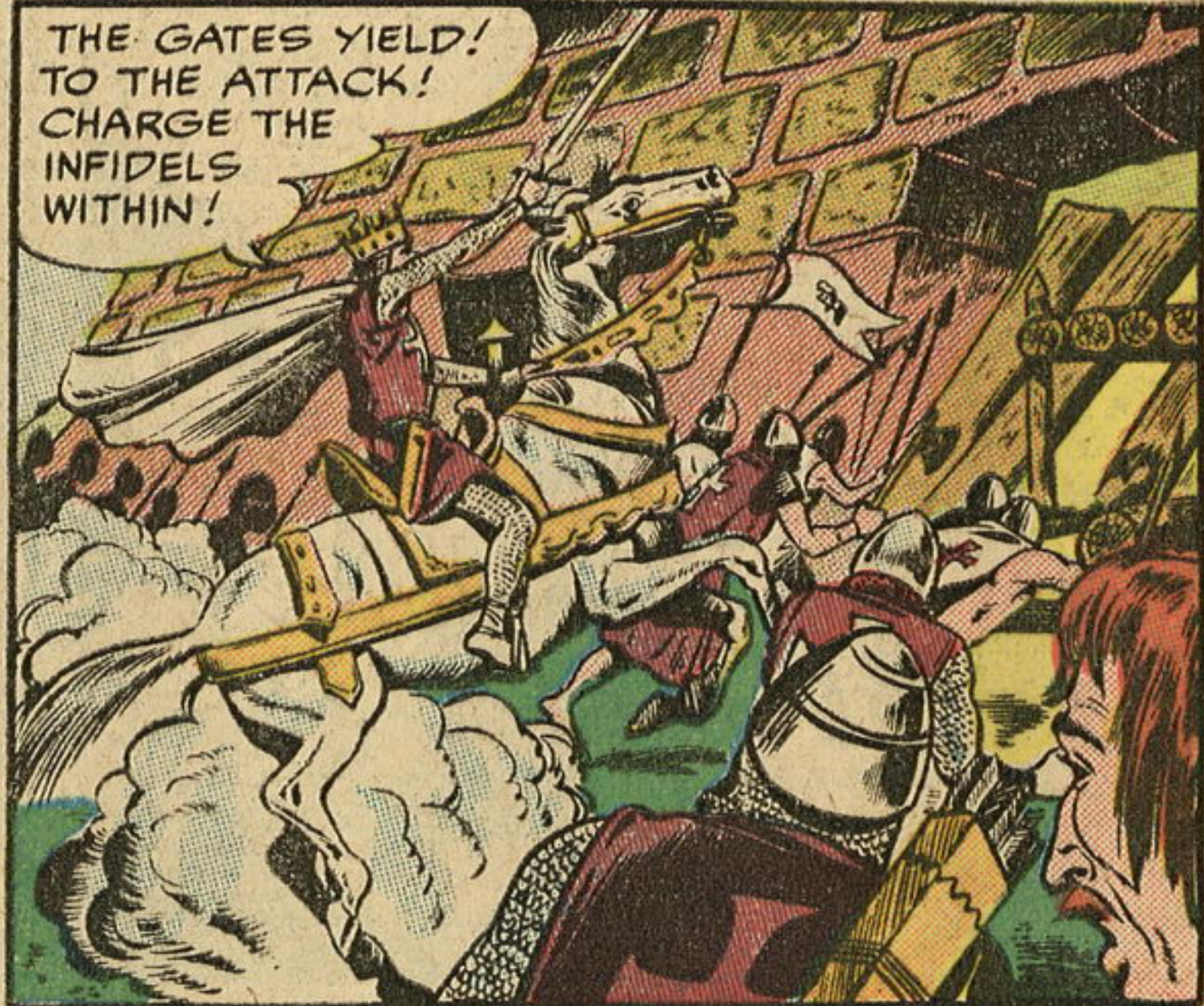


THE TIMBERS
TAKE FIRE
FROM THEIR
FLAMING OIL!

NO MATTER! WE'LL BE
THROUGH THE GATES LONG
BEFORE THE FIRE EATS
THROUGH TO PLAGUE
US!



THE GATES YIELD!
TO THE ATTACK!
CHARGE THE
INFIDELS
WITHIN!



AS THE GATES WERE BREACHED,
KING RICHARD SENT HIS FORCES IN!

ALLAH IL
ALLAH!



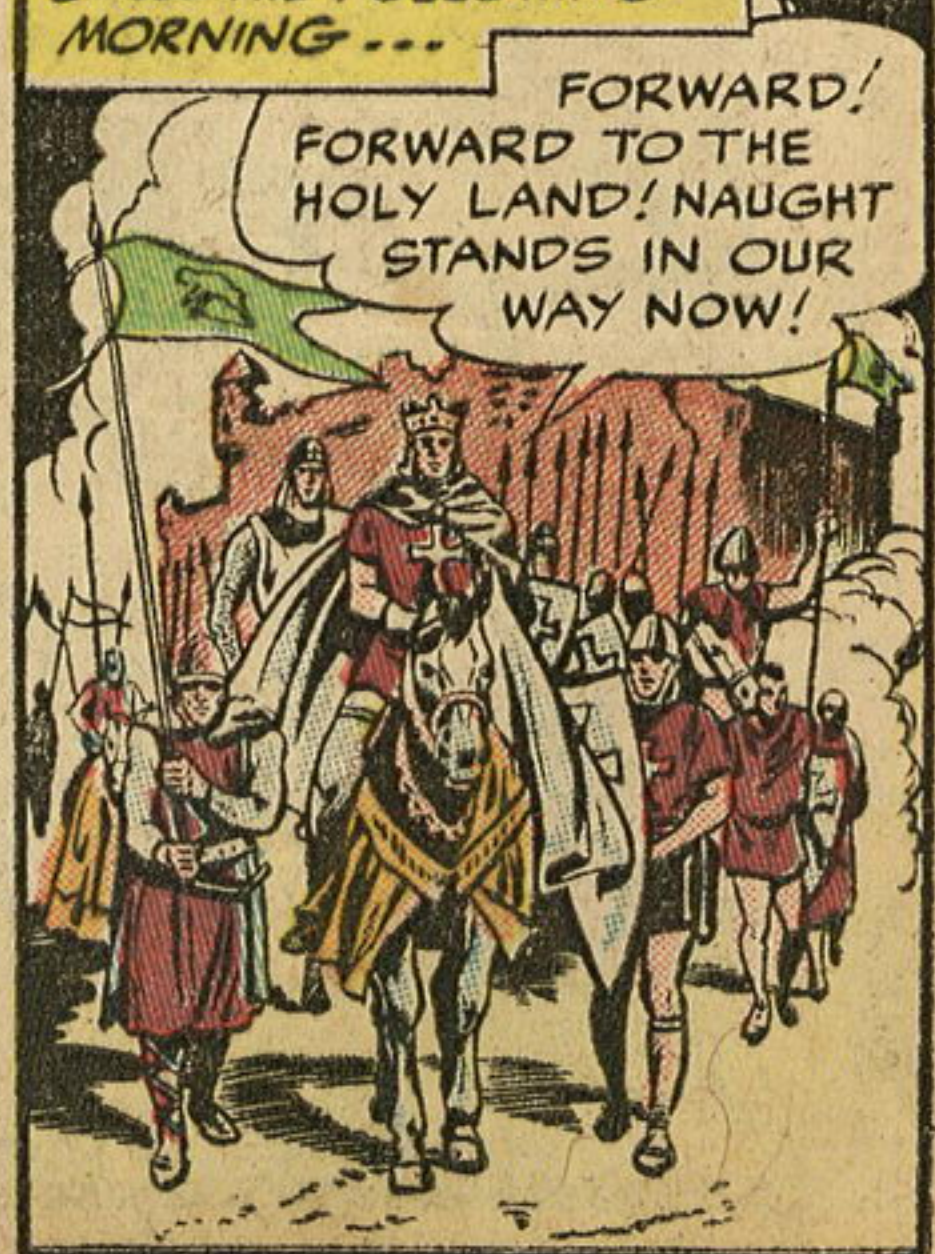
WITHIN THE HOUR ...

WE YIELD! WE
YIELD! SPARE
OUR LIVES!



AND THE FOLLOWING
MORNING ...

FORWARD!
FORWARD TO THE
HOLY LAND! NAUGHT
STANDS IN OUR
WAY NOW!



**Hi
Pal!
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\$100**
as I
just
did!

Come on, Buddy, Quit being A BAG-of-BONES Weakling like I was

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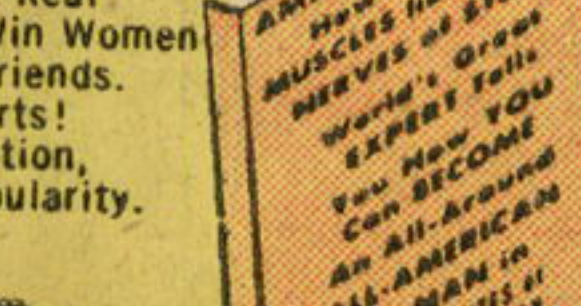
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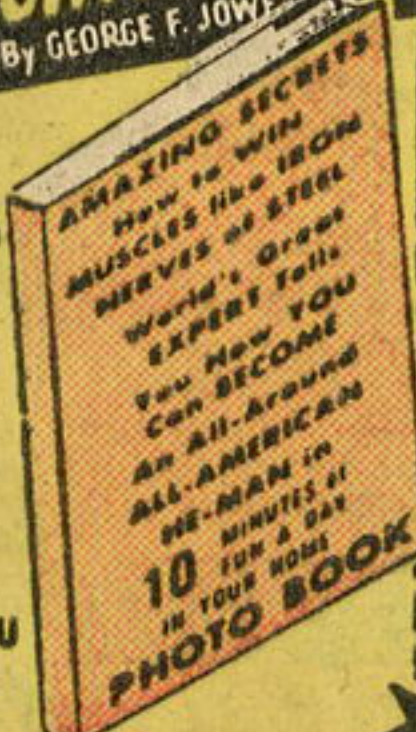
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admires
his build," says Nellie.
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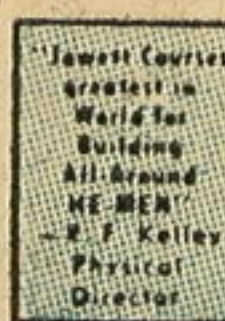


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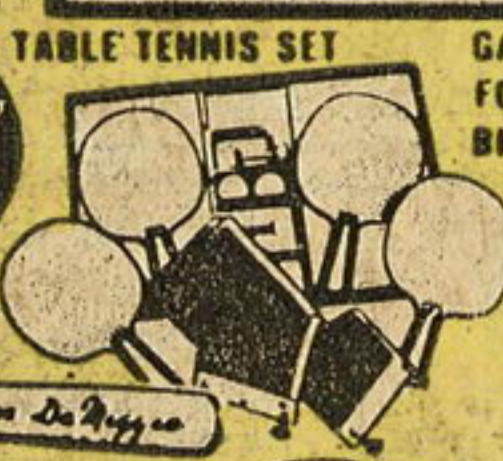
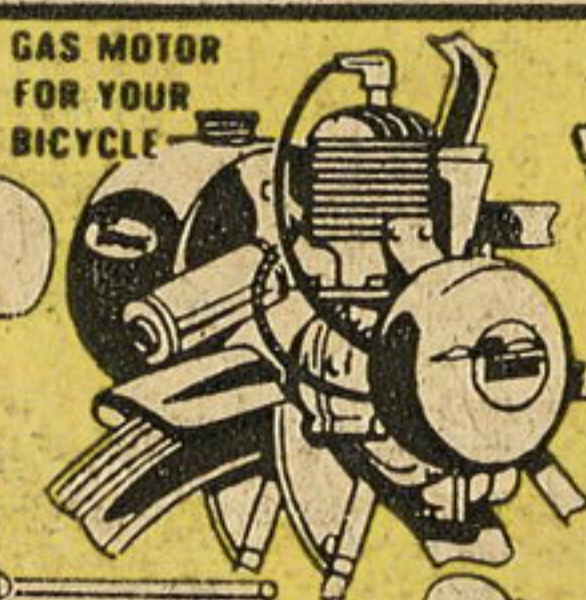


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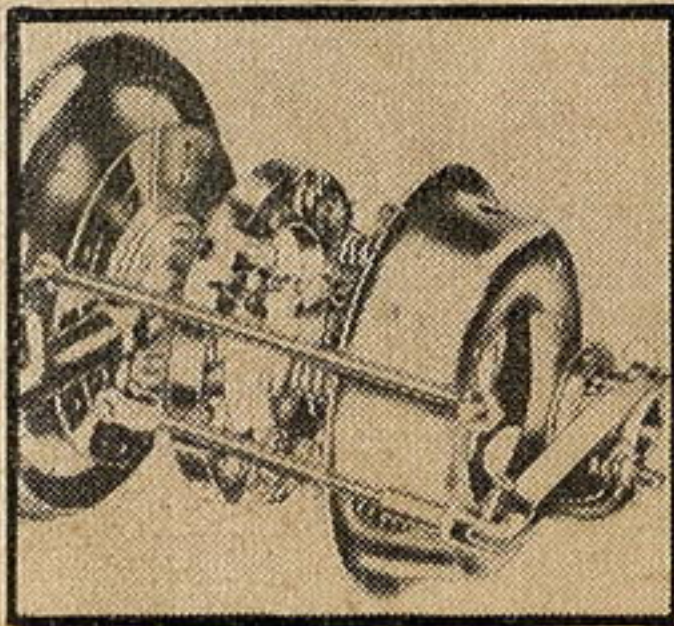
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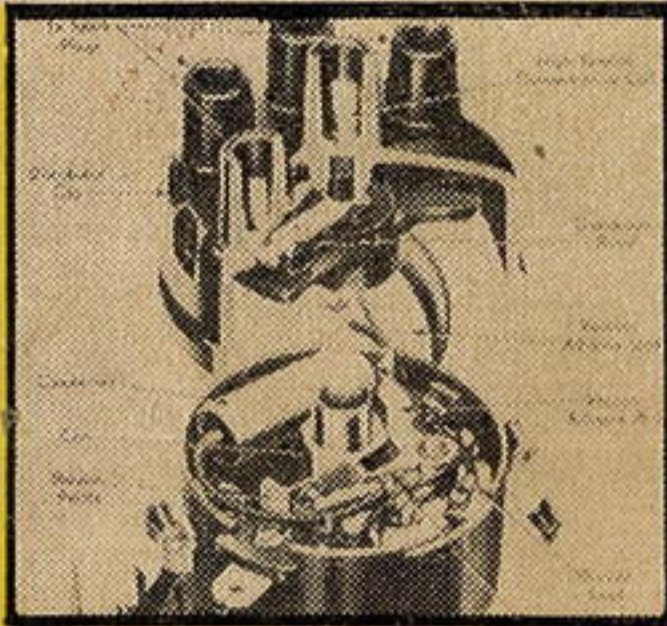
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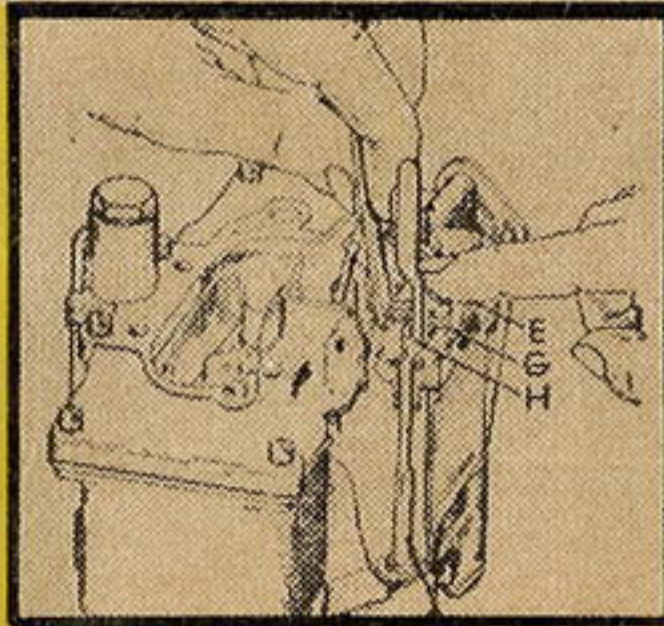
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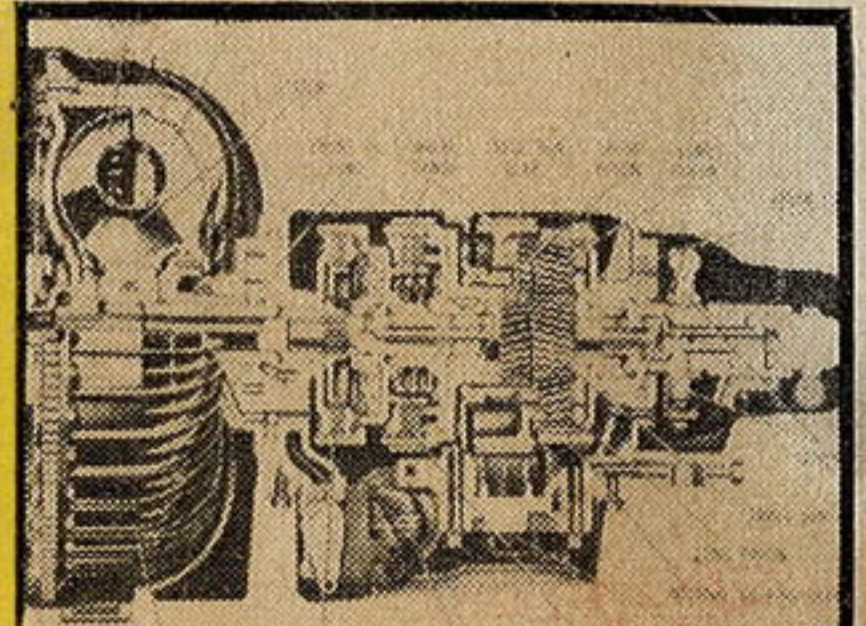
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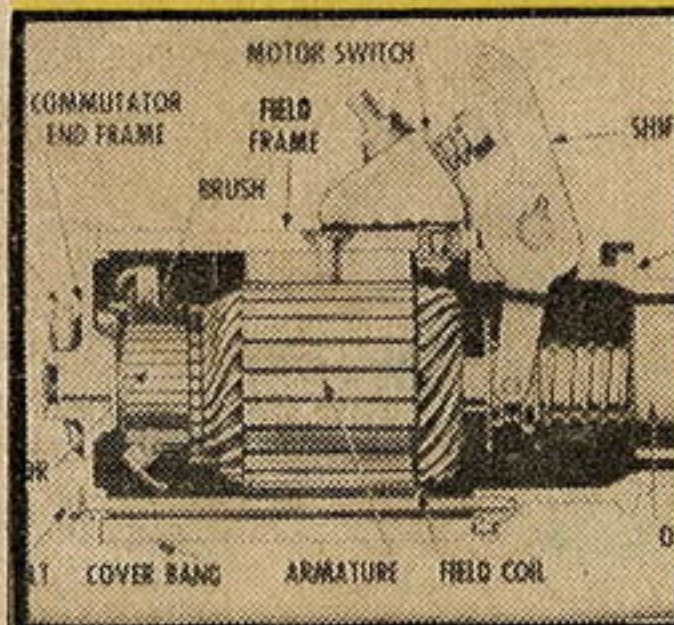


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